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*For Local Elders*—A. W. TIBBITS, W. T. M'MULLEN, W. S. RAE.

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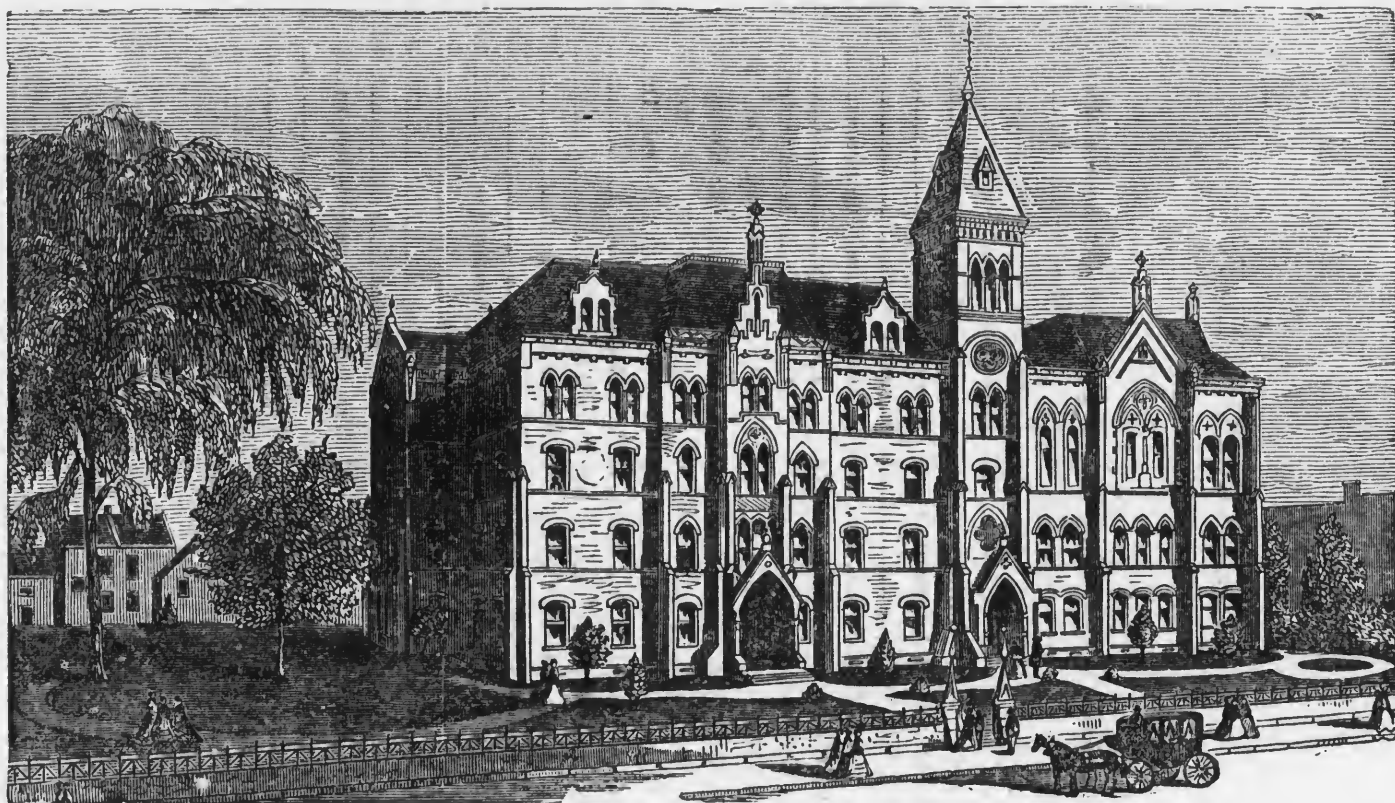
### TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON.

F. S. DAVIS,

J. N. IRVIN, *Alternate*.

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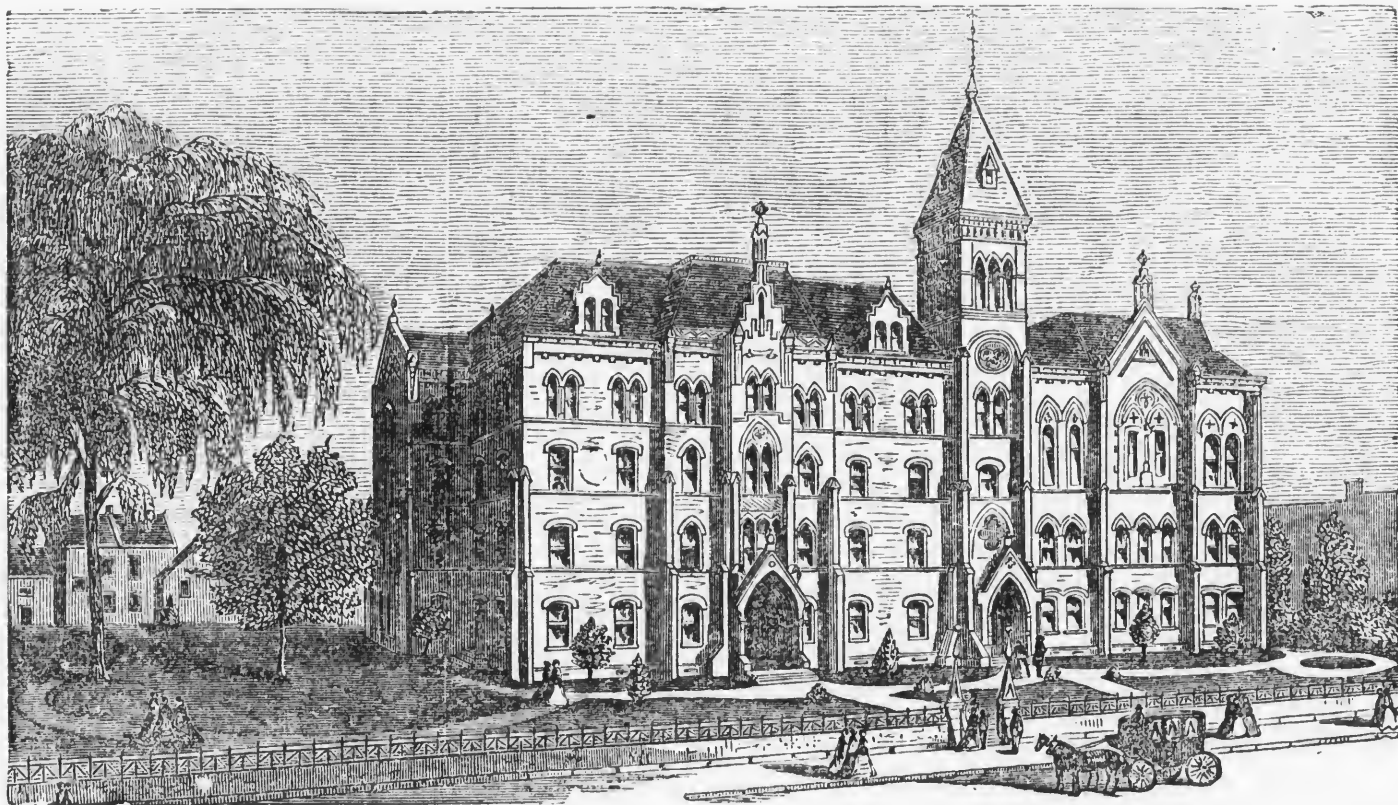
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*Temperance*—S. D. Clayton, D. J. Starr, W. N. Williams, A. Hamilton, Charles Kalbfus, H. C. Middleton, A. W. Tibbits, J. M. Walden.

*Parsonages*—S. A. Brewster, E. M'Hugh, R. K. Deem, A. M. Griffith, J. G. Black, and J. L. Gregg.

*Church Statistics*—W. B. Moler, H. Tuckley, C. H. Kalbfus, D. W. Clark, W. Mahin, A. E. Higgins.

*Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts*—W. A. Robinson, J. P. Porter, G. C. Crum, L. F. Van Cleve, D. D. Cheney, J. F. Marlay.

*Post-offices*—W. N. Brodbeck, E. Burdsall, C. F. Gowdy, D. L. Hayward, A. D. Maddox, W. J. Baker.

*New York Accounts*—W. N. Brodbeck.

*Conference Postmaster*—J. W. Gaddis.

*On Memoirs*—S. B. Smith, W. Herr, J. P. Shultz, M. A. Richards, D. J. Starr, J. F. Marlay.

*On Freedmen's Aid Society*—M. A. Richards, A. N. Spahr, W. Q. Shannon, J. F. Loyd, D. Whitmer, J. N. Leas.

*On Church Extension*—W. Young, T. D. W. Peak, J. B. Ellsworth, T. E. Fiddler, H. Miller, S. W. Edmiston.

*On Sunday-school Cause*—T. J. Harris, E. Cranston, E. T. Wells, J. H. Middleton, S. N. Marsh, F. Hypes.

*On Tract Cause*—A. Bowers, J. S. Pumphrey, J. P. Nine, A. U. Beall, M. P. Zink, and W. J. Quarry.

*Observance of the Sabbath*—T. H. Pearne, J. W. Mason, J. N. Irvin, W. H. Black, M. Kauffman, J. P. Porter, W. Herr, S. N. Marsh.

*On Finance*—J. W. Weakley, T. Collett, G. W. Kelley, J. P. Shultz, Jno. Vance, C. Ferguson. *Laymen recognized*—J. F. Lar-kin, H. DeCamp, H. E. Parrott, E. G. Dial, W. H. Meek, W. L. Mockbee.

*Conference Stewards*—S. Bennett, J. Verity, W. Runyan, C. H. Lawton, J. Pearson, S. Weeks, J. H. Middleton. *Laymen recognized*—J. S. Perkins, J. Cochnower, H. Elliott, J. E. Allen, D. V. Ross, J. M'Math.

*American Bible Society*—W. Herr, W. I. Fee, J. S. Whitney, M. P. Zink, D. L. Aultman, W. T. M'Mullen.

*To Nominate Standing Committees for next Year*—L. F. Van Cleve, D. J. Starr, J. P. Porter, J. Pearson, G. H. Dart, R. E. Smith.

The time of the daily sessions of Conference was fixed, by a motion, to open at eight and one-half o'clock in the morning and adjourn at twelve, the first half hour to be for devotional services.

On motion, it was agreed that the missionary anniversary should be held Wednesday evening, that of the Preachers' Relief Society Thursday evening, and the educational anniversary Friday evening.

The Sixth Question, "*Who are the Deacons of the second class?*" was taken up.

Daniel L. Aultman reported his missionary collection, the Committee of Examiners reported favorably upon his studies, and, after representation by his presiding elder, his character was passed.

The Seventh Question, "*Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*" was taken up.

W. N. Brodbeck and Joseph C. Boltin, having reported their missionary collections, and having been favorably represented by their examiners and presiding elder, their character passed, and they were elected to elders' orders.

T. Collett was appointed to receive moneys for the Episcopal Fund.

Dr. Moody offered the following resolution:

*Whereas*, it is a matter of public notoriety that brother James Stephenson, a member of this Conference, has been accused in a civil court of a crime expressly forbidden in the Word of God; and, *whereas*, justice to the Church and to all the parties requires that a full investigation of the facts and circumstances connected with the said accusation be made by this Conference, notwithstanding no one has appeared as accuser before the Church against brother Stephenson; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee of five members of this Conference be appointed, who, together with a chairman appointed by the Bishop, shall make faithful inquiry concerning the same, and lay before the Conference a record of the testimony in the case, as provided in paragraph 204 of the Discipline, giving to the investigation all the form and thoroughness of a trial of actual charges.

Pending the consideration of the question, Conference adjourned, after the giving of notices, with the benediction.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, August 31, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened at half-past eight o'clock, with a prayer-meeting, led by Rev. M. Dustin. At nine o'clock Bishop Merrill took the chair. The Secretary called the roll of the absentees of yesterday, and seven brethren answered to their names.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Wright was invited to a seat upon the platform.

The resolution of G. Moody, in reference to J. Stephenson's case, was adopted; and the Bishop was requested to appoint the Committee which it asks for. The following were appointed: S. B. Smith, J. P. Porter, J. F. Marlay, L. Clark, and T. Collett; W. Young, Chairman.

On motion, M. Kauffman was appointed to conduct the investigation on behalf of the Church, and T. J. Harris was appointed to assist him. J. F. Conrey and J. Pearson were requested to represent the defendant in the case.

A. Lowrey moved that certain ladies be invited to present to the Conference the interests of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; and they were invited.

Mrs. Charles Ferguson responded, addressing the Conference in a very interesting manner.

W. H. Sutherland offered a resolution, in reference to the transfer of William Fitzgerald, which was adopted.

J. M. Walden offered a resolution, requesting the Committee on Temperance to consider, and report upon, the relation of malt liquors to the Temperance Reform.

The pastor and presiding elder of the Oxford Charge were made the Committee on Public Worship.

The Rules of Order of the last session were adopted.

A paper from the Trustees of the Springfield High-school was referred to the Committee on Education. A paper was also referred to this Committee from the Hillsboro College.

The Seventh Question was resumed.

W. H. Smith and J. C. Ambrose were represented by their presiding elders and examiners, brother Smith having reported his collections. They were elected to elders' orders, and their characters were passed.

The character of J. W. Sutherland was passed, and, at his own request, he was continued a deacon of the second class.

W. F. Mappin was announced, by G. Moody, as having withdrawn from the Methodist Episcopal Church, and united with the Reformed Episcopal Church.

On motion of G. Moody, it was—

*Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the educated conscience of the M'Kendree Charge, East Cincinnati District, in having paid, this year, a deficit of forty dollars, in former years, on the salary of Rev. C. R. Lovell, deceased, to his family; and that we recommend the imitation of their example to other charges of our Conference similarly situated.

The Tenth Question, "*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*" was taken up.

W. L. Hypes, Presiding Elder of the East Cincinnati District, represented his work, and his character and the characters of the preachers of his district passed, those in charge having reported their missionary collections.

Dr. Wright addressed the Conference, in a very touching and impressive manner, upon the subject of his work, and his personal experience.

Dr. J. M. Trimble, of the Ohio Conference; Rev. C. Skinner, of the

North Indiana Conference; Rev. C. B. Shear and Rev. T. Hanford, formerly of the Baptist Church; Dr. Morris, President of the Oxford Female College; and Dr. Colmery, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. J. M. Reid, Missionary Secretary, addressed the Conference in relation to the interests of that great cause.

On motion of W. Herr, the memorial services were fixed for Monday morning at ten o'clock.

A. Bowers was appointed to receive educational funds.

After the giving of notices, Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and benediction by Dr. Wright.

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### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, September 1, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened at half-past eight o'clock, with a prayer-meeting led by the Rev. C. Ferguson. At nine o'clock, Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The further calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of the previous session were read, and approved.

Bishop Merrill announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for thirty dollars, and the draft was ordered.

S. Weeks read the preliminary report of the Board of Stewards.

D. J. Starr, S. B. Smith, D. H. Moore, and T. Lee were appointed the Committee on Publishing Minutes.

The Fourth Question, "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" was taken up.

G. M. Hammell, W. J. Baker, John H. Davis, John A. Easton, John W. Gaddis, and James F. M'Colm were called forward, and, after appropriate devotional services, conducted by Dr. M'Cabe, were impressively addressed by Bishop Merrill on the calling and work of the ministry; after which, they gave satisfactory answers to the usual Disciplinary Questions. Their examiners and presiding elders reported favorably upon their cases, and those in charge reported their missionary collections.

Dr. Pearne moved that, in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline, the applicants be required to abstain from the use of tobacco and other narcotics.

The motion prevailed, and the candidates so promised; after which, their characters, and that of Charles W. Drees, a missionary in Mexico, who was favorably represented and recommended by Dr. Butler, Superintendent of Missions in that country, were passed, and they were received into full connection.

George M. Hammell, William J. Baker, John H. Davis, and John A. Easton were elected to deacons' orders, John W. Gaddis, J. F. M'Colm, and Charles W. Drees having been ordained.

On motion, Delos R. Baker was continued on trial, at his own request.

The Rev. E. S. Chapman, a fraternal delegate from the United Brethren Church, was introduced.

Bishop Merrill announced the transfer of the Rev. Henry Bascom Ridgaway, from the New York to the Cincinnati Conference, as having been made by Bishop Foster, and the certificate was read.

L. F. Van Cleve was appointed to lead the prayer-meeting, and open Conference, to-morrow morning.

After the giving of notices, Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Lowrey.

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#### FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 2, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened at half-past eight o'clock with a prayer-meeting, led by Rev. L. F. Van Cleve. At nine o'clock Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Curry, editor of the *Ladies' Repository*, Rev. J. T. Miller, of the Ohio Conference, and Rev. Brother Black, of the United Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

J. M. Walden moved the appointment of a committee to whom should be referred the Address of the Joint Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The motion prevailed, and J. M. Walden, W. Young, T. H. Pearne, S. D. Clayton, L. Clark, G. Moody, and W. Herr were appointed said committee.

Papers from the Garrett Biblical Institute and the Cincinnati Wesleyan College were referred to the Committee on Education.

The Third Question, "*Who remain on trial?*" was taken up.

James H. Roberts, Davis W. Clark, Henry Tuckley, John P. Nine, Allen D. Maddox, Benjamin F. Dimmick, Matthias M. Kugler, George W. Dubois, Jacob E. H. Sentman, Gilbert L. Travis, and Joseph I.

Taggart, after favorable representations from their examiners and presiding elders, those in charge having reported their missionary collections, their characters were passed, and they were continued on trial.

The case of Warren T. Eastman was referred to a Committee of Investigation, consisting of J. B. Ellsworth, J. G. Black, and C. Ferguson.

The Nineteenth Question, "*Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*" was taken up.

George W. Dubois, from the West Cincinnati District; Charles W. Rishell, from the Springfield District; Allen D. Maddox, from the Hillsboro District, being properly recommended and favorably represented by their examiners and presiding elders, and having satisfactorily answered the Disciplinary Questions, they were elected to local deacons' orders.

On motion of S. N. Marsh, Conference declined to elect applicants to local deacons' orders, except in cases where it is necessary to the work where the applicant may live.

John M'Clung, from the West Cincinnati District; and David Asher M'Colm, from the Ripley District, being properly recommended and favorably represented by their examiners and presiding elders, and having satisfactorily answered the Disciplinary Questions, were elected to local elders' orders.

S. Weeks, from the Board of Stewards, read their report of the basis of distribution agreed upon, and it was adopted.

On motion of J. M. Walden, it was agreed to hold an evening session, beginning at half past seven o'clock, in the interests of our periodicals and publications.

The Rev. E. S. Chapman, fraternal delegate from the Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church, being present, was invited to address the Conference, and did so in a very interesting and suggestive manner.

On motion, a committee, consisting of J. M. Walden, S. D. Clayton, and D. Kemper, was appointed to prepare a suitable minute in relation to the address.

J. B. Ellsworth, from the Committee in the case of W. F. Eastman, reported that "Brother Eastman agrees to satisfy every subscriber from whom he received money. This we believe to be a satisfactory adjustment of the case." Adopted.

The Third Question was resumed, and Warren F. Eastman, having been represented by his examiners and presiding elder, and having

reported his missionary collection, his character was passed, and he was continued on trial.

Recommendations for recognition of orders were called for. The recommendations of Thomas Hanford, formerly an elder in the Baptist Church, and Charles B. Shear, also formerly an elder of the same Church, being presented, they were called forward and gave satisfactory assurance of their agreement with the doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their orders were recognized.

A resolution, presented by J. M. Walden, relating to the transfer of the Rev. J. W. Keely to the Cincinnati Conference was adopted.

On motion of S. B. Smith, the treasurers of the several benevolent societies of the Conference were instructed to pay to the Publishing Committee the amounts necessary to cover the expense of publishing their reports in the Minutes.

On motion, the committees on the several causes were requested to report the names of persons to be elected officers of the Conference societies on those subjects.

On motion of D. J. Starr, the presiding elders were requested to apportion among the various districts the amount to be raised within the Cincinnati Conference for the support of the bishops.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the Doxology and benediction.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, September 2.

CONFERENCE opened pursuant to adjournment at seven and a half o'clock, Rev. M. Dustin, by appointment of Bishop Merrill, occupying the chair. The devotional services were conducted by the Rev. C. Kalbfus.

The Journal of the morning's session was read and approved.

Dr. Walden presented and read the exhibit of the Methodist Book Concern and the report of the Book Committee, which were ordered to be placed on file.

Rev. L. F. Van Cleve read the report of the Committee on Periodicals.

Rev. Dr. Curry, editor of the *Repository*, being invited and enthusiastically greeted, addressed the Conference in relation to the magazine under his care. Dr. Walden was also invited, and addressed the Conference upon the publishing interests of the Church. After

these addresses the report was adopted. Resolutions approving the changes in *Repository* and pledging it future support were adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned with the Doxology and benediction, after the giving of notices.

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### FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, September 4, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened with devotional services led by the Rev. S. Bennett, who read the third chapter of Ephesians, and announced the two hundred and thirty-seventh hymn, after the singing of which and prayer Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The Journal of Saturday evening's session was read and approved.

Bishop Merrill presented the certificates of ordination.

On motion, the call of the roll of Conference to obtain subscriptions for the Minutes was made the order of the day to follow the memorial services.

A. U. Beall and E. P. James were appointed to audit the account of the Publishing Committee.

J. M. Walden was appointed to make arrangements with the railroad companies for the next meeting of Conference.

The Ninth Question, "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" was taken up; and their characters were passed and they were continued in a superannuated relation. W. H. Lawder's character was passed, and he was given a superannuated relation. W. Herr was appointed to keep oversight of the case of J. Barton.

The Eighth Question, "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*" was taken up; and their characters were passed, and they were continued in a supernumerary relation.

At ten o'clock the order of the day was called, and the Fifteenth Question, "*Have any died?*" was taken up.

M. A. Richards read the memoir of James C. Bontecou. After affecting remarks by J. M. Walden and W. I. Ellsworth, this item was adopted.

Rev. W. Herr read the memoir of N. Callender, which, after remarks highly appreciative of the Christian and ministerial character of brother Callender by J. F. Wright, W. L. Hypes, H. D. Fisher, J. M. Walden, and W. Herr, was adopted.

M. A. Richards read the memoir of Pharaoh A. Ogden, which, after appropriate remarks by C. H. Payne and G. Moody, was adopted.

The memoir of Mrs. Maria Bains Carey, wife of the Rev. S. W. Carey, was read by M. A. Richards.

J. P. Shultz read the memoir of Mrs. Barbara A. Griffith, wife of the Rev. A. M. Griffith; and W. Herr read the memoir of Mrs. Hannah Swain, widow of the Rev. C. W. Swain.

After appropriate remarks by A. Lowrey, J. Verity, and G. Moody upon the Christian character and usefulness of these devoted sisters, their memoirs were adopted.

The hymn beginning, "Forever with the Lord," was sung, and the report as a whole was adopted.

On motion of D. J. Starr, the answer of the Twenty-second Question, fixing the time and place of the next session, to be followed by the calling of the roll for subscriptions to the Conference Minutes, was made the order of the day on the opening of Conference to-morrow morning.

A collection was taken by Conference for the sexton of this church amounting to twenty-five dollars.

A resolution requesting the publication of Dr. Pearne's missionary sermon was adopted.

J. F. Marlay, G. H. Dart, and G. W. Kelley were appointed to present complimentary resolutions for the close of Conference.

On motion, the consideration of the Constitutional Questions submitted to us by the General Conference was made the order of the day to-morrow morning, to follow the orders already fixed.

On motion, an afternoon session was ordered to begin at three o'clock. Bishop Merrill appointed J. M. Walden to preside, and W. I. Ellsworth to open with prayer.

After notices, Conference adjourned with the benediction by W. N. Williams.

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### SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, September 5, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened with a prayer-meeting led by Rev. G. H. Kennedy. At nine o'clock Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The Journal of yesterday afternoon's session was read and approved.

Wm. Young moved the suspension of all the other orders of the day, and that we take up the case of brother Stephenson. The motion prevailed. S. W. Edmiston and W. P. Jackson were appointed door-keepers. The Bishop stated the order of proceeding. The resolution authorizing the investigation was read. Rev. S. B. Smith, Secretary of

the Committee of Inquiry, read the record of the Committee's investigations.

The deposition of Alice M. Brown, the accusing witness in the case, was presented, and read by the Secretary of the Committee.

The affidavit of Alice Brown before Esquire Hume, of Urbana, Ohio, together with her examination and cross-examination by the attorneys in the case then present, was offered to be read.

Dr. T. H. Pearne objected that this is not competent testimony in the case.

Bishop Merrill decided that, as we do not swear the witnesses in such an investigation, we are not bound by the technicalities that govern the proceedings of a civil court, and that the testimony in question is admissible, the brethren being competent to determine its worth for themselves, and the testimony was admitted.

Dr. Pearne took exceptions to the ruling of the chair, and wished his exceptions entered on the Minutes, which was done.

The statement of Alice Brown before Mayor C. H. Ganson, of Urbana, Ohio, was read. Alice Brown's affidavit and sworn examination before Esquire S. B. Garver, of Piqua, were read. The above papers comprise the testimony of the prosecution, and with them they rested the case.

The testimony of the defense was then introduced. The testimony of Jas. Stephenson, taken before the Committee of Inquiry, was read. The deposition of Milo G. Williams, of Urbana, Ohio, taken before the prosecution and defense of the case representing the Conference, was read. The deposition of C. H. Ganson, Mayor of Urbana, taken before the same parties, was read. The deposition of Robert M. Miller, of Urbana, Ohio, taken before the same parties, was read. Deposition of John J. Anderson, of Urbana, Ohio, was read. The foregoing depositions were duly certified. The sworn statement of David K. Hooley, of Urbana, Ohio, duly certified, was read. Depositions of Mortimore F. Ritchie, H. H. Durant, Caroline V. Durant, and Ruth E. Rhodehammel, taken before counsel for prosecution and defense, and properly certified, were read.

On motion of J. M. Walden, Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and benediction by Rev. Dr. Hoyt, to meet at two o'clock.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, September 5, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened with devotional services led by Rev. J. H. Middleton. At two o'clock Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The Journal of the morning session was read, and approved.

The consideration of Rev. J. Stephenson's case was resumed. The Secretary of the Committee of Inquiry read the following papers: Deposition of Nannie H. Stephenson, the wife of the accused, before counsel for prosecution and defense, was presented.

Objection having been made to the competency of this witness, it was referred to the Bishop for his decision. The Bishop decided that her testimony is admissible.

The deposition of Mrs. Stephenson was read. This deposition is duly certified. Testimony of William A. Rhodehammel, of N. F. Wilbur, and of Thomas J. Proctor, duly certified, were read. Testimony of Mrs. Elizabeth Marlay, being a part of the minutes of the Committee of Inquiry, was read.

Rev. J. Stephenson's oral testimony was taken in the open Conference, and he was cross-examined by the counsel for the prosecution, and by Rev. W. H. Lawder and William Runyan.

Rev. J. Stephenson, by request, made a statement to the Conference. Rev. G. H. Dart testified before the Conference. Rev. S. D. Clayton testified before the Conference, and was cross-examined by Dr. Lowrey, L. F. Van Cleve, J. F. Conrey, and T. J. Harris.

This closed the testimony for the defense.

Rev. M. Kauffman, of the counsel for the prosecution, addressed the Conference. Rev. J. Pearson and Rev. J. F. Conrey, counsel for the defense, addressed the Conference.

Pending the address of J. F. Conrey, Conference adjourned to meet this evening at half-past seven o'clock, with the benediction by Dr. Lowrey.

## EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, September 5, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened with devotional services led by Rev. S. B. Smith. At half-past seven o'clock, Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The Journal of the afternoon's session was read, and approved.

The consideration of Rev. J. Stephenson's case was resumed; and Rev.

J. F. Conrey continued his defense of the accused. Rev. T. J. Harris, counsel for the prosecution, addressed the Conference, closing the pleadings in the case. The Bishop stated that all members of Conference in full connection will be entitled to vote, and announced the form in which the vote will be taken. On call of brother Young, the charge and specification were read. The vote was taken on the specification; one hundred and eight voted in the negative,—none in the affirmative; and the specification was declared by the Bishop not sustained.

A collection was taken to defray the expenses of this trial, amounting to thirty-five dollars.

J. Pearson moved that brother Stephenson have permission to use the documents in this case in his trial before the Court. The motion was adopted.

J. F. Marlay made a supplementary report from the Committee of Education, which was adopted.

J. M. Walden read a resolution in relation to the patronage by the East Ohio Conference to the Ohio Wesleyan University, as a part of the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted.

J. F. Marlay read a paper in relation to Hillsboro College, as a part of the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted.

The order of the day was taken up, and the roll was called to obtain subscriptions to the Conference Minutes.

On motion of J. F. Conrey, the Committee of Publication were instructed to send Minutes to the absent members, according to their judgment.

A. U. Beall and E. P. James, Auditing Committee, reported; and their report was adopted.

The Twentieth Question, "*Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*" was taken up.

Middletown and Xenia were nominated and represented; and the First Church, Xenia, was agreed upon as the place for the next session.

J. Verity addressed the Conference, and was given a supernumerary relation, without appointment, at his own request.

Resolutions complimentary to Dr. Lowrey, presented by Dr. Walden, were adopted; and Dr. Lowrey was furnished a certified copy of the same, signed by the Bishop.

Resolutions respectful to Rev. E. S. Chapman, fraternal delegate from the Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church, were adopted; and Dr. Pearne was appointed fraternal delegate to the same Conference next year.

The report from the Committee on the administration of W. Herr on D. D. Davisson's estate was adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, with the benediction by Rev. D. J. Starr.

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### SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, September 6, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened with the usual devotional services, led by Rev. S. F. Conrey. At half-past eight, Bishop Merrill took the chair.

The Journal of last night's session was read, and approved.

L. H. Sargent, Esq., of Cincinnati, was introduced, and represented the interests of the Ohio State Sunday-school Union.

The Bishop announced, as the order of the day, the constitutional questions submitted by the last General Conference to the annual conferences. The Bishop explained the effect of the adoption of the propositions. The roll was called, and sixty-eight voted in the affirmative, and thirty-six in the negative, on the proposition to change the ratio of representation in the General Conference.

The Bishop submitted the proposition in relation to the suspension of the Third Restrictive Rule, so as to give the annual conferences authority to determine the number of districts. The roll was called, and thirty-two voted in the affirmative, and sixty voted in the negative.

On motion, the presiding elders were requested to nominate Triers of Appeals in open Conference. T. J. Harris, L. Clark, F. M. Clemans, Wm. Herr, T. Collett, W. Runyan, and S. Weeks were nominated, and elected by Conference.

G. Moody presented resolutions relating to the constitutional questions, which were adopted by a vote of fifty-nine to sixteen.

The Tenth Question was taken up.

C. W. Ketcham, Presiding Elder of West Cincinnati District, represented his district, and his character and that of each preacher in his district passed, those in charge having reported their missionary collections.

J. Stephenson, Presiding Elder of Dayton District, represented his work, and his character and that of each preacher in his district passed, those in charge having reported their missionary collections.

W. A. Robinson having proffered to supplement his missionary collection with five hundred dollars saved from his salary in former years,

G. Moody offered a resolution, which was adopted by Conference, expressing high regard for the Christian and ministerial character of brother Robinson, but declining his offer, and requesting him to report only his missionary collection.

J. W. Cassatt, Presiding Elder of Springfield District, represented his work, and his character and that of each preacher in his district passed, those in charge reporting their missionary collections.

J. T. Bail, Presiding Elder of Hillsboro District, represented his work, and his character and that of each preacher in his district passed, those in charge reporting their missionary collections.

G. Moody, Presiding Elder of Ripley District, represented his work, and his character and that of each preacher in his district passed, those in charge reporting their missionary collections.

Rev. J. W. Weakley, having been taken sick during Conference, was taken home, and granted a supernumerary relation without work. The Cabinet having directed Dr. Moody to prepare a letter of regard to Dr. and Mrs. Weakley, Conference indorsed the communication, and it was forwarded.

G. Moody moved the location of T. J. Euans, at his own request. Carried

Bishop Merrill announced the transfer of N. W. Darlington from the Kentucky Conference to the Cincinnati Conference.

William H. Miesse, an ordained elder, was presented for readmission, and he was readmitted and introduced to the Conference.

The Second Question, "*Who are admitted on trial?*" was taken up.

The recommendations of Frank Leever, Charles W. Rishell, and Edgar D. Keyes, were presented. They were introduced to the Conference, and, after the representations of their examiners and elders, were admitted on trial.

B. F. January was introduced to Conference.

David Asher M'Colm, from Ripley District, was introduced to Conference.

C. W. Ketcham moved, in view of the condition of our work, that we receive no married man this year. Adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at half-past one o'clock this afternoon. Benediction by brother Ketcham.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, September 6, 1876.

CONFERENCE opened with the usual devotional services, led by Rev. L. Clark.

At half past one Rev. J. F. Conrey took the chair, by appointment of Bishop Merrill.

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Dr. Pearne presented a report from the Committee on the Joint Commission, which was adopted.

W. Herr reported that the old Board of Trustees of the Conference was re-elected this year, and their election was confirmed by Conference.

L. F. Van Cleve presented resolution in relation to Dr. Curry's sermon last Sabbath afternoon. Adopted.

Bishop Merrill took the chair.

Dr. Pearne presented the report of the Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, which, after amendment, was adopted.

Rev. J. F. Conrey, Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, read his report.

A. W. Tibbits presented the report on temperance, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance was read and adopted.

The following sales of Church property were authorized by vote of Conference. To sell the parsonage on the old Lexington Circuit, and divide the funds *pro rata* between Lexington and Leesburg; also to divide the funds belonging to the old Clarksville Circuit equally between Clarksville and Martinsville Circuits; to the Trustees of Camden Circuit to sell a part of the parsonage lot at Camden, and the church at Collinsville; to the Trustees of M'Lean Church, Cincinnati, to sell a part of their church lot; to the Trustees of St. Paris and Lena to sell the parsonage at Lena; to the Trustees of Seven Mile to sell a part of their church lot; to the Trustees of Burlington Circuit to sell a part of their church lot; and to the Trustees of Jamestown to sell their old church property and reinvest the funds.

The pastor of Walnut Hills Church was authorized to nominate a board of trustees, to be confirmed by the Quarterly Conference of that charge, to have charge of a small grave-yard on Grandon Road belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

D. J. Starr read the report of the Committee on Bible Cause, which was adopted.

D. J. Starr presented the report of the Committee on Parsonages, which was adopted. D. J. Starr read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, which was adopted.

The Report on Education was adopted, and the Secretary was requested to notify persons of their appointment to raise funds for the Ohio Wesleyan University in the several districts.

The Steward's Report was adopted and the funds distributed. Brother Mack was intrusted to distribute J. A. Reeder's funds. The advancing of \$100 to Mrs. Brown was approved, and the loan refunded, with \$4.55 interest.

Brothers Young, Lowrey, and Pearne were appointed to consider Brother Herr's administration of Dr. Davisson's estate.

Conference ordered that reports of the various committees be published in Minutes without reading, and the Publishing Committee were authorized to edit such reports!

Bishop Merrill was requested to appoint Rev. T. Lee as Superintendent and Chaplain of the Cincinnati Bethel.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read by D. J. Starr, and the nominations thereof were concurred in by the Bishop and presiding elders, and the report was adopted by the Conference.

The Bishop called for the report of the Board of Church Extension, and there was no response.

J. T. Bail reported the amounts assessed by the presiding elders on the various districts for the Episcopal Funds. Approved.

Dr. Pearne moved that the presiding elders be requested to collect the amounts apportioned to the several charges quarterly and forward the same to the book agents. Carried.

D. J. Starr read the report of the Committee on Church Statistics, which was adopted. D. J. Starr read the report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society, which was adopted. D. J. Starr read the report of the Committee on Tracts, which was adopted.

The Bishop announced the committees of examinations for next year.

J. Stephenson presented the report of the Committee on Missions, which was adopted. D. J. Starr read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted.

It was moved, that wherever officers of Conference societies have not been appointed the officers of last year be continued. Carried.

The Journal was read, amended, and approved. After the singing of an appropriate verse and prayer by Rev. Wm. Herr, the appointments were read by the Bishop, and the Conference adjourned without date.

## II.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?*

ANSWER. J. H. Leas, W. W. Case, H. D. Fisher, W. S. Rae, H. B. Ridgaway, N. W. Darlington by transfer, and W. H. Miesse by re-admission.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. Frank Leever, C. W. Rishell, Edgar D. Keyes.

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER. James H. Roberts, Davis W. Clark, Henry Tuckley, John P. Nine, Allen D. Maddox, Benjamin F. Dimmick, Matthias M. Kugler, Geo. W. Dubois, Jacob E. H. Sentman, Gilbert L. Travis, Joseph I. Taggart, and Warren T. Eastman.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER. G. M. Hammel, Wm. J. Baker, John H. Davis, John A. Easton, John W. Gaddis, Jas. F. M'Colm, and Charles W. Drees.

QUESTION 5. *Who are the Deacons of the first class?*

ANSWER. Geo. M. Hammel, Wm. J. Baker, John H. Davis, John A. Easton.

QUESTION 6. *Who are the Deacons of the second class?*

ANSWER. Daniel L. Aultman, Davis W. Clark, Jacob E. H. Sentman, Jas. F. M'Colm, John P. Nine, James H. Roberts.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*

ANSWER. William N. Brodbeck, Joseph C. Boltin, Wm. H. Smith, J. C. Ambrose.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER. M. P. Gaddis, A. Meharry, Jas. F. Chalfant, J. S. Peregrine, Geo. W. Fee, Geo. W. Parrott, A. Lowrey, M. J. Cramer, J. T. Short, J. W. Sutherland, J. W. Weakley, J. Verity—all without work.

QUESTION 9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER. J. C. Maddy, W. N. Maxey, J. Barton, J. W. Stone, B. Glasscock, D. Callahan, A. Murphy, E. H. Field, J. A. Reeder, T. A. G. Phillips, R. Brandriff, S. Brown, D. Warnock, W. I. Ellsworth, D. Kemper, J. L. Grover, D. H. Sargent, W. Webster, N. M'Donald, J. C. Deem, R. A. Arthur, W. E. Hines, W. H. Lawder.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

ANSWER. It was in open Conference.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

ANSWER. Yes. T. J. Euans.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER. Yes. W. F. Mappin.

QUESTION 13. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*

ANSWER. W. Fitzgerald, to the Central Ohio Conference.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 15. *Have any died?*

ANSWER. Yes. Rev. J. C. Bontecou, in great peace, October 14, 1875; Rev. N. Callender, in great peace, February 6, 1876; Rev. P. A. Ogden, in great peace, August 23, 1876. (See Memoirs.)

QUESTION 16. *What is the Statistical Report?*

ANSWER. (See Report.)

QUESTION 17. *What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?*

ANSWER. (See Stewards' Report.)

QUESTION 18. *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER. (See Stewards' Report.)

QUESTION 19. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*

ANSWER. (See List of Appointments.)

QUESTION 20. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. In the First Church, Xenia. Time not given.

QUESTION 21. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*

ANSWER. Yes. Geo. W. Dubois, Charles W. Risnell, and Allen D. Maddox, Local Deacons; and John M'Clung and David A. M'Colm, Local Elders.

QUESTION 22. *Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER. Yes. (See the Report on Education.)

QUESTION 23. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*

ANSWER. (See Officers of Conference Societies.)

### III.

## RESOLUTIONS OF CONFERENCE.

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#### Of Respect to Bishop Merrill.

WHEREAS, the first official visit of our beloved bishop, Rev. S. M. Merrill, D. D., at this session of our Conference, his uniform kindness and courtesy in the chair, his able and instructive address to the class of young men elected to deacons' orders, have greatly endeared him to us all; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will be most happy to welcome Bishop Merrill as our presiding officer as often as it may be made his duty to attend our sessions.

#### Of Thanks for Favors.

*Resolved*, That we hereby express our hearty thanks to the members of our Church, and the citizens generally of Oxford, for the generous hospitality with which we have been entertained during the present session; to the pastors and officers of this Church for many and special courtesies; to the officers of the U. P. Church for the use of their bell; and to the C. H. & D. Railway Company and its leased lines for the favor of reduced rates in attending the meeting of the Conference.

#### On Constitutional Questions.

ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF SIXTY TO SIXTEEN.

WHEREAS, the General Conference has adopted a resolution requesting the annual conferences to vote upon the change of the Third Restrictive Rule, so that the annual conferences may determine the number of districts within their territories; and *whereas*, the said proposition has been presented to this Conference, by the presiding bishop, for its vote thereon; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, It is the judgment of this Conference that no suspension of the Third Restrictive Rule is required in order to give the General Conference the authority to grant to the annual conferences the privilege of fixing the number of districts.

2. *Resolved*, That this Conference does not approve of these limitations named in the said proposition; namely, the forbidding any annual conference to have more than eight districts, and to put more than sixty charges in one district.

#### Of Regard for Dr. Lowrey.

WHEREAS, our beloved brother, Rev. Asbury Lowrey, D. D., long associated with us in conference relations, and ever maintaining among us an honorable standing, has indicated his purpose to travel abroad; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, by the Cincinnati Annual Conference, That we hereby bear

record to the high Christian character of Rev. Dr. Lowrey, and to his eminent ability as a preacher of the Gospel and a defender of the truth, and that we most cordially commend him to the fellowship of our brethren in the Christian ministry and laity to whom this minute may come.

*Resolved*, That we heartily reciprocate the Christian regard to which brother Lowrey has given kindly expression in his remarks before us, and that we assure him of an abiding interest in our prayers, especially that a favoring Providence may attend him and his family in their journeyings, and return them in safety and health to their country and home.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Lowrey will confer a favor on us, and serve the Church, by the use of his facile pen in giving, through such medium as he may judge best, the results of his observations in the Old World.

J. M. WALDEN,

*Agt. Western Methodist Book Concern.*

GRANVILLE MOODY,

*Presiding Elder Ripley District.*

WM. HERR,

*District Superintendent for the American Bible Society for Southern Ohio.*

#### Of Fraternity.

*Resolved*, by the Cincinnati Annual Conference, That we have heard with great pleasure the able address of Rev. E. S. Chapman, in bearing to us the fraternal greetings of the Miami Conference of the United Brethren in Christ; that in welcoming him to our Conference in his representative character we purpose to recognize the fraternal relations which should ever exist between our conferences, occupying, as we do, in the providence of God, the same section of our State, and laboring for the upbuilding of the same spiritual kingdom; that we cordially reciprocate the earnest expressions of proper regard and Christian affection borne to us from our sister Church; and that we appoint Rev. Thos. H. Pearne, D. D., fraternal delegate to the Miami Conference of the United brethren in Christ.

J. M. WALDEN,

S. D. CLAYTON,

D. KEMPER.

#### Regard for Transfers.

WHEREAS, Rev. WM. FITZGERALD has been transferred to the Central Ohio Conference; therefore,

*Resolved*, That with deep regret we part with our dear brother, whom we highly appreciate for his Christian integrity, his ministerial ability and efficiency, and his kind and noble nature; that our best wishes and prayers for his success shall follow him to his new field of labor; and that should he at any time desire to return to his old home in the Cincinnati Conference, we will greet him with a most cordial welcome.

WM. YOUNG,

M. KAUFFMAN,

J. M. WALDEN,

W. HERR,

S. D. CLAYTON,

WM. H. SUTHERLAND,

D. J. STARR,

J. F. MARLAY,

A. W. TIBBITS,

M. DUSTIN.

*Resolved*, That should Rev. J. W. KEELY, a former member of the Cincinnati Conference, be transferred to our body, we will welcome him to the place he so long occupied among us.

J. M. WALDEN,  
W. L. HYPES,

G. MOODY,  
C. W. KETCHAM.

#### Ordination to Local Orders.

RESOLVED, That we refuse to elect local preachers to deacons' and elders' orders, unless the interest of the Church in their several localities demands it.

S. N. MARSH,  
D. J. STARR.

#### Indorsing the Repository.

RESOLVED, That we most cordially approve of the proposed change of the *Ladies' Repository* to the *National Repository*, especially in view of the general plan, scope, and tone of the forthcoming journal, as set forth by the editor, Rev. Dr. CURRY, in his able and forcible address, to which we have just now listened.

*Resolved*, That we will use all practicable effort to make the subscription of the *National Repository*, in its first volume, double that of the *Ladies' Repository* the present year.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,  
FRANK G. MITCHELL,  
J. F. MARLAY.

#### Dr. Pearne's Missionary Sermon.

THIS Conference having listened with profound interest to the able and instructive missionary sermon preached on Sunday, September 3d, by Rev. Dr. PEARNE, would respectfully request its publication in the *Western Christian Advocate*, at the convenience of the editor.

J. F. MARLAY,  
D. J. STARR.

#### Dr. Curry's Sermon.

HAVING listened with very great pleasure and profit to the able, instructive, and deeply spiritual sermon of Rev. D. CURRY, D. D., Sabbath afternoon, September 3d, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio, and being desirous that our people may have the privilege of reading the same, we hereby request him to furnish a copy for publication in the *Western Christian Advocate*.

S. A. BREWSTER,  
J. F. MARLAY,  
J. W. MASON,  
THOMAS LEE,

E. T. WELLS,  
L. F. VAN CLEVE,  
J. M. WALDEN.

#### IV.

### MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE BOARDS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

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#### Conference Trustees.

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NOWER, H. ELLIOTT, J. E. ALLEN,  
D. V. ROSS, J. M'MATH.

#### Triers of Appeals.

T. J. HARRIS, L. CLARK, F. M. CLEM-  
ANS, W. HERR, T. COLLETT, W.  
RUNYAN.

#### Nominating Committee for next Year.

L. F. VAN CLEVE, D. J. STARR, J. P.  
PORTER, J. PEARSON, G. H. DART,  
R. E. SMITH.

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I. Ellsworth, A. W. Tibbits, W.  
Runyan, J. G. Black, W. H. Black,  
W. N. Williams, S. A. Brewster.  
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Wright, H. E. Parrot, S. A. Cairns,  
A. Coffman, W. R. Warnock.

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*President*—J. F. CHALFANT.

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*Recording Secretary*—M. A. RICHARDS.

*Treasurer*—H. DECAMP.

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A. B. Leonard, J. N. Gamble, T. J.  
Harris, F. H. Marlay.

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ley, C. Ferguson, W. J. Quarry, W.  
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*Secretary*—A. BOWERS.

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W. HERR

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RUNYAN.

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H. MOORE.

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A. Brewster, P. P. Mast, Eugene

Parrott, J. R. Wright.

**CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATIONS.**

I HEREBY certify that George M. Hammel, William J. Baker, John H. Davis, John A. Easton, George W. Dubois, Charles W. Rishell, and Allen D. Maddox, were ordained by me to the office of deacon; and that William N. Brodbeck, Joseph C. Boltin, William H. Smith, John C. Ambrose, John M'Clung, and David A. M'Colm were, with the assistance of elders, ordained by me to the office of elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Oxford, Ohio, on Sunday, September 3, 1876.

S. M. MERRILL.

# V. REPORTS.

## CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Salaries	Receipts.	Deficits..		
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT...	W. L. Hypes, P. E.....	\$1,500 00	\$1,371 64	\$128 36	\$500	.....
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel.	W. I. Fee.....	.....	.....	.....	Par.	\$59 28
Trinity.....	Earl Cranston.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....	900	200 00
Asbury.....	A. Bowers.....	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	300	53 12
Pearl Street.....	John W. Weakley...	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	20 75
Mt. Auburn.....	W. W. Case.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	.....	42 00
Walnut Hills.....	A. B. Leonard.....	2,500 00	2,500 00	.....	Par.	261 00
Grace Church.....	W. N. Brodbeck.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	425	102 50
M'Kendree.....	E. M'Hugh.....	1,172 00	1,172 00	.....	228	92 50
City Mission.....	H.D. Fisher (10 mos.)	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	.....	.....
Columbia.....	J. W. Gaddis.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	6 29
Pendleton.....	A. Gilruth.....	610 00	610 00	.....	.....	6 85
Madisonville.....	Silas Bennett.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	101 00
Mt. Washington.....	R. E. Smith.....	750 00	900 00	.....	144	31 00
Camp Dennison.....	E. C. Smith.....	640 00	600 00	40 00	.....	30 00
Milford.....	T. D. W. Peak.....	800 00	500 00	300 00	150	5 00
Centenary.....	H. Stokes.....	750 00	546 78	103 22	100	35 40
Loveland and Mainville...	H. C. Middleton.....	650 00	650 00	.....	100	20 25
Lebanon.....	J. N. Irvin.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	33 00
South Lebanon and Zoar...	F. Eastman.....	520 00	415 00	105 00	.....	2 50
Goshen.....	Wesley S. Rae.....	900 00	600 00	300 00	Par.	10 00
Morrow.....	B. F. Dimmick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesville.....	C. Ferguson.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	40 00
New Burlington.....	W. B. Jackson.....	.....	.....	.....	Par.	17 40
"	J. A. Easton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Xenia: First Church.....	M. A. Richards.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	Par.	76 00
Trinity.....	G. C. Crum.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	64 85
Miami Circuit.....	C. H. Kalbfus.....	775 00	702 00	73 00	Par.	31 25
"	J. E. H. Sentman.....	475 00	435 00	40 00	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	\$28,642 00	\$27,602 42	\$1,089 58	\$2,847	\$1,341 94
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT...	C. W. Ketcham, P. E.	1,500 00	1,403 82	\$96 18	500	.....
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	C. H. Payne.....	4,000 00	4,000 00	.....	Par.	469 59
St. John's.....	William Runyan.....	1,080 00	1,080 00	.....	420	13 00
Christie.....	James Murray.....	1,320 00	1,320 00	.....	480	60 00
Finley.....	J. S. Whitney.....	1,180 00	1,180 00	.....	420	29 00
York Street.....	A. N. Spahr.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....	.....	25 00
M'Lean.....	William Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairm't & C. Washington.	J. Verity.....	775 00	775 00	.....	250	11 00
Cummins ville.....	G. M. Hammel.....	600 00	444 72	155 28	.....	6 00
West Union and Asbury.	D. R. Baker.....	700 00	700 00	.....	.....	30 00
Winton Place.....	J. F. Conrey.....	900 00	900 00	.....	300	20 00
Hartwell and Carthage....	Henry Tackley.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	63 25
Lockland.....	D. J. Starr.....	1,250 00	1,250 00	.....	Par.	105 25
Port Union.....	W. H. Black.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	28 00
Cheviot.....	M. M. Kugler.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	20 00
Bethany.....	R. K. Deem.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	55 00
Hamilton.....	T. J. Harris.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	60 00
Oxford.....	D. C. Vance.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	Par.	50 00
Venice.....	Charles Kalbfus.....	662 00	570 00	92 00	.....	20 00
"	G. W. Inbois.....	330 00	285 00	45 00	.....	.....
Harrison.....	John Wilson.....	700 00	700 00	.....	100	31 25
North Bend.....	J. C. Boltin.....	725 00	361 15	363 85	.....	5 00
Eaton.....	Thomas Collett.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	Par.	45 85
Camden.....	J. S. Pumphrey.....	670 00	670 00	.....	Par.	14 25

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Palm'tes	Receipts.	Deficits..		
Seven Mile.....	Edward Burdsail.....	\$725 00	\$725 00	.....	\$125	\$51 00
New Paris.....	J. J. Hill.....	650 00	505 75	\$144 25	Par.	3 35
Fair Haven & Sugar Valley.	J. F. Hull.....	700 00	545 00	155 00	Par.	15 00
Macedonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	\$27,017 00	\$25,965 44	\$1,051 56	\$2,595	\$1,230 19
DAYTON DISTRICT.....	J. Stephenson, P. E.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dayton: Grace Church.....	T. H. Pearne.....	2,400 00	2,400 00	.....	Par.	240 00
Raper.....	W. A. Robinson.....	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	Par.	68 35
Sears Chapel & Ebenezer.	J. P. Nine.....	600 00	558 89	41 11	.....	.....
Davison Chapel.....	W. N. Williams.....	580 00	580 00	.....	120	10 40
Troy: Mulberry Street.....	S. A. Brewster.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	65 00
Second Street.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tippecanoe.....	C. F. Gowdy.....	600 00	520 00	80 00	120	3 75
Addison.....	Nathan Priuce.....	650 00	562 00	88 00	Par.	27 70
".....	J. B. Ellsworth.....	550 00	470 00	80 00	.....	.....
Concord.....	C. F. Crum.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lewisburg.....	J. M. K. Shultz.....	870 00	660 00	210 00	Par.	20 00
Germantown & Winchester.	G. L. Travis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 42
Piqua: Green Street.....	J. F. Marlay.....	1,450 00	1,450 00	.....	Par.	35 00
Grace Church.....	W. Q. Shannon.....	1,000 00	700 00	300 00	.....	6 00
Lockington.....	C. J. Wells.....	500 00	460 00	40 00	Par.	8 00
Fletcher.....	D. D. Cheney.....	725 00	725 00	.....	.....	10 00
Paris and Lena.....	J. Pearson.....	800 00	800 00	.....	120	18 25
Brant.....	D. W. Clark.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	3 50
Miamisburg.....	M. Dustin.....	900 00	900 00	.....	Par.	36 00
Franklin.....	G. W. Kelley.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 75
Red Lion and Springboro..	S. W. Carey.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	16 28
Fairfield.....	G. H. Kennedy.....	700 00	560 00	140 00	.....	5 00
New Carlisle.....	J. G. Black.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
Middletown.....	Wm. H. Sutherland.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	175	33 00
Monroe.....	A. U. Beall.....	950 00	950 00	.....	Par.	49 35
Total.....	.....	\$18,575 00	\$16,590 89	\$979 11	\$535	\$699 75
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.....	J. W. Cassatt, P. E.....	1,400 00	1,300 00	100 00	300	.....
Springfield: Central Ch.....	E. T. Wells.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	Par.	125 00
High Street.....	S. B. Smith.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	Par.	90 01
Urbana: First Church.....	S. D. Clayton.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	150 00
Second Church.....	G. H. Dart.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	100 00
King's Creek Circuit.....	F. M. Clemans.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 00
".....	S. F. Conrey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mingo and Tabor.....	A. W. Tibbits.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	23 25
North Lewisburg.....	J. F. Loyd.....	900 00	684 50	215 50	Par.	25 95
East Liberty.....	W. H. Smith.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	25 75
Tremont.....	T. E. Fiddler.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	30 00
Mechanicsburg.....	Michael Kauffman.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	40 00
Catawba.....	B. F. January.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	10 00
Moorefield.....	C. W. Rishell.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	29 10
South Charleston.....	W. B. Moler.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	27 01
Yellow Springs.....	J. P. Shultz.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	28 50
Old Town.....	A. M. Griffith.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	16 00
Jamestown.....	J. W. Mason.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	90 00
Union Circuit.....	F. S. Davis.....	850 00	850 00	.....	Par.	70 00
".....	M. G. Baker.....	700 00	700 00	.....	.....	.....
Cedarville.....	M. P. Zink.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	26 30
Jasper.....	C. H. Lawton.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	7 50
Total.....	.....	\$18,850 00	\$18,534 50	\$315 50	\$300	\$967 37
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.....	James T. Bail, P. E.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	Lucien Clark.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	Par.	78 75
Greenfield.....	F. G. Mitchell.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	75 00
New Lexington.....	G. M. Edgar.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51 10
Leesburg.....	A. D. Raleigh.....	800 00	800 00	.....	75	41 10
Highland.....	D. L. Hayward.....	600 00	516 64	83 36	Par.	45 00
".....	J. C. Ambrose.....	575 00	497 12	77 88	.....	.....
Sinking Springs.....	J. R. Hunter.....	600 00	600 00	.....	Par.	10 00
".....	Lafayette Young.....	600 00	600 00	.....	50	.....
Wilmington.....	L. F. Van Cleve.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	29 18
Bowersville.....	D. L. Aultman.....	550 00	425 00	125 00	.....	15 00
".....	D. S. Ferguson (sup.)	150 00	100 00	50 00	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	J. H. Middleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00

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CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Estim'tes	Receipts.	Deficits..		
Clarksville.....	J. I. Taggart.....					
Lynchburg.....	David Whitmer.....					\$20 55
".....	A. D. Maddox.....					
Sardinia.....	E. W. Cole.....					17 50
Winchester.....	S. W. Edmiston.....	\$700 00	\$700 00		Par.	17 70
Butlersville.....	William Mahon.....					18 00
".....	J. H. Davis.....					
Total.....		\$8,075 00	\$7,738 76	\$336 24	\$125	\$428 88
RIPLEY DISTRICT.....	Granville Moody, P.E.					
Ripley.....	Sylvester Weeks.....	1,200 00	1,200 00		Par.	48 40
Felicity.....	H. M. Keck.....	825 00	825 00		Par.	12 00
Georgetown.....	J. P. Porter.....	750 00	700 00	50 00	Par.	23 00
New Richmond.....	A. Hamilton.....					12 00
Decatur.....	J. L. Gregg.....	650 00	625 00	25 00	Par.	52 05
".....	W. P. Jackson.....	600 00	550 00	50 00	84	
Manchester.....	S. N. Marsh.....	700 00	700 00		Par.	21 00
Moscow.....	T. J. Enans.....	800 00	657 00	143 00	Par.	4 12
Laurel.....	J. Vance.....				Par.	22 00
".....	E. P. James.....				60	
Amelia.....	L. M. Davis.....	550 00	483 00	67 00	Par.	24 00
".....	W. J. Baker.....	575 00	525 00	50 00		
Batavia.....	J. H. Leas.....	900 00	850 00	50 00	Par.	25 00
Boston.....	F. Hypes.....					17 05
Williamsburg.....	H. Miller.....	650 00	566 00	84 00	Par.	9 00
Marathon.....	W. T. M'Mullen.....	600 00	600 00		Par.	13 10
Bethel.....						
Feesburg.....	W. M. Boyer.....	700 00	621 78	78 22	Par.	14 00
".....	J. F. M'Colm.....	350 00	310 88	39 12		
West Union.....	W. J. Quarry.....	650 00	471 33	178 67	Par.	7 10
".....	A. E. Higgins.....	350 00	252 68	97 32		
Total.....		\$10,850 00	\$9,937 67	\$912 33	\$144	\$303 82

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	SALARIES.			House Rent.....	Fifth Collect'n.
	Estim'tes.	Receipts..	Deficits....		
East Cincinnati.....	\$28,642 00	\$27,602 42	\$1,039 58	\$2,847	\$1,341 94
West Cincinnati.....	27,017 00	25,965 44	1,051 56	2,595	1,230 19
Dayton.....	18,575 00	16,590 89	979 11	535	699 75
Springfield.....	18,850 00	18,534 50	315 50	300	967 37
Hillsboro.....	8,075 00	7,738 76	336 24	125	428 88
Ripley.....	10,850 00	9,937 67	912 33	144	303 82
Total.....	\$112,009 00	\$106,369 68	\$4,684 32	\$6,546	\$4,971 95

QUESTION 17. What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

Answer—\$10,150.00.

QUESTION 18. What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

Answer—From charges.....\$4,971 95  
 From Chartered Fund..... 30 00  
 From J. T. Bail, Treas. Cincinnati Con..... 80 00  
 From Mear's bequest, per Wm. Herr..... 136 50

Total.....\$5,218 45

### DISBURSEMENT.

CLAIMANT.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate .....	Paid.....
E. H. Field.....	J. Pearson.....	\$400	\$200 00
J. C. Maddy.....	R. E. Smith.....	400	200 00
A. Murphy.....	J. G. Black.....	400	200 00
J. C. Deem.....	T. Collett.....	400	200 00
J. A. Reeder.....	E. C. Smith.....	300	150 00
R. A. Arthur.....	Wm. Young.....	200	100 00
W. E. Hines.....	W. N. Williams.....	200	100 00
D. Warnock.....	D. Warnock.....	100	50 00
W. H. Lawder.....	John Lawder.....	100	50 00
N. McDonald.....	J. I. Taggart.....	100	50 00
Mrs. Lorraine.....	J. I. Taggart.....	400	200 00
Mrs. Tyffe.....	J. H. Leas.....	350	175 00
Mrs. Morrow.....	J. Murray.....	350	175 00
Mrs. Stroud.....	T. Collett.....	300	150 00
Mrs. Shiun.....	C. J. Wells.....	300	150 00
Mrs. Lovell.....	T. J. Harris.....	300	150 00
Mrs. Newson.....	J. G. Black.....	300	150 00
Mrs. Hall.....	T. S. Cowden.....	300	150 00
Mrs. Curry.....	J. N. Irvin.....	300	150 00
Mrs. James Smith.....	J. F. Marlay.....	300	150 00
Mrs. Parrish.....	N. H. Prince.....	300	150 00
Mrs. Conner.....	L. Clark.....	300	150 00
Mrs. Musgrove.....	N. H. Prince.....	250	125 00
Mrs. Owens.....	J. P. Shultz.....	250	125 00

CLAIMANT.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate .....	Paid.....
Mrs. Routledge.....	H. Stokes.....	\$200	\$100 00
Mrs. Callender.....	Wm. Herr.....	200	100 00
Mrs. West.....	P. B. Ross.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Brown.....	W. N. Williams.....	200	\$200 60
Mrs. Fowble.....	P. B. Ross.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Spencer.....	D. H. Moore.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Meredith.....	M. A. Richards.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Barton.....	J. M. Walden.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Marlay.....	D. Warnock.....	200	100 00
Mrs. I. I. Beall.....	G. W. Kelley.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Neff.....	J. N. Irvin.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Austin.....	J. I. Taggart.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Simmons.....	G. C. Crum.....	200	100 00
Mrs. Sharp.....	A. U. Beall.....	100	50 00
Mrs. Swormstedt.....	R. E. Smith.....	100	50 00
Mrs. Miller.....	S. Bennett.....	100	50 00
Mrs. White.....	C. H. Kalbfus.....	100	50 00
Mrs. Kirk.....	J. Pearson.....	100	50 00
Mrs. Cooper.....	W. Runyan.....	100	50 00
Miss Jennie Smith.....	T. H. Pearne.....	100	50 00
Stationery for the Conference .....		10,150	\$200 00
			18 45
			\$218 45

\*£100 00 of this amount being her claim of last year.

### CONFERENCE STEWARDS' RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum equivalent to ten per cent of the salaries paid in each presiding elder's district shall be the amount expected from the same for Conference claimants; and the district stewards are hereby requested to apportion the same to the respective charges according to the ability of each.
2. *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to present this claim to our people as early in the year as practicable, giving it that prominence its merits demand.
3. *Resolved*, That in the passage of character, each pastor shall be requested to report the amount of his collection.
4. *Resolved*, That any pastor who may neglect to present this claim to his charge, or shall lightly excuse himself therefrom, will thereby expose himself to just censure.
5. *Resolved*, That estimating committees, in complying with the Discipline, paragraph 352, request claimants to furnish to the estimating committee appointed by the quarterly conference, and to the Board of Stewards of the annual Conference, a full statement, in writing, annually, on the first day of Conference, of their financial condition, and that no claim be considered without such financial statement.

S. BENNETT, *Chairman.*

SYLVESTER WEEKS, *Secretary.*

# GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. I.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers...	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults.....	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	For Conference Chairmans...	For Missions.			For Women's For. Miss Society...	For P. & Church Extension.....	For Tract Soc'y.	For S. S. Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.....	For Education..	American Bible Society.....
												Churches..	Sabbath-Schools..	Total.....							
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																					
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel.....	140	370	4	7	25	30	1	\$40,000	1	\$7,000	\$59 28	\$215 01	\$100 77	\$315 78	\$47 50	\$45 60	.....	\$8 00	\$19 50	\$8 37	.....
Trinity.....	19	410	3	5	8	6	1	100,000	.....	.....	200 00	300 00	405 00	705 00	169 00	25 00	\$11 75	10 75	357 75	9 50	\$27 75
Asbury.....	16	200	1	3	11	2	1	20,000	.....	.....	53 12	80 00	127 57	207 57	42 66	20 00	2 50	2 00	30 00	2 00	22 00
Pearl-Street.....	10	100	1	6	1	6	1	8,000	1	3,000	20 75	64 69	35 30	99 99	.....	3 70	1 50	1 50	25 00	.....	.....
Mt. Auburn.....	2	70	.....	.....	1	3	1	18,000	.....	.....	42 00	70 65	40 71	111 36	20 00	17 55	1 95	2 85	12 45	5 25	21 00
Walnut Hills.....	15	330	1	3	.....	1	1	65,000	1	12,000	261 00	416 61	268 44	685 05	90 00	69 73	12 46	12 44	93 72	.....	.....
Grace Church.....	.....	54	.....	1	1	.....	1	5,000	.....	.....	102 50	143 00	63 01	206 01	.....	14 00	7 00	10 50	15 75	3 50	.....
M'Kendree.....	70	240	.....	2	12	70	1	6,000	.....	.....	92 50	208 38	53 80	262 18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City Mission.....	17	52	.....	2	15	26	2	1,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia.....	26	125	1	10	2	13	1	6,000	.....	.....	6 29	23 94	11 06	35 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Pendleton.....	38	79	.....	4	7	10	1	4,000	.....	.....	6 80	14 00	.....	14 00	.....	.....	15 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madisonville.....	5	185	.....	3	3	8	1	8,000	1	4,000	101 00	153 42	151 58	305 00	38 88	40 00	16 75	21 40	75 00	2 10	.....
Mt. Washington.....	6	98	1	.....	5	2	2	12,500	.....	.....	31 00	45 00	30 00	75 00	.....	8 00	5 00	4 00	8 00	4 00	.....
Camp Dennison.....	10	220	3	4	2	5	5	9,000	.....	.....	30 00	33 00	10 00	43 00	.....	2 00	1 50	1 00	8 00	2 00	1 00
Milford.....	.....	130	.....	.....	6	.....	1	6,000	.....	.....	5 00	.....	11 25	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 45	.....	.....
Centenary.....	5	235	7	2	5	10	4	5,300	.....	.....	25 40	26 14	.....	26 14	.....	55	50	50	75	.....	.....
Loveland and Mainville.....	3	170	1	1	.....	.....	2	8,000	.....	.....	20 25	5 00	18 25	23 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 85	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	12	250	3	5	1	0	1	12,000	1	3,000	33 00	135 00	25 00	160 00	37 50	25 00	.....	.....	20 00	.....	30 40
South Lebanon and Zoar.....	12	185	1	1	1	.....	4	2,000	.....	.....	2 50	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goshen.....	10	240	1	1	.....	.....	1	3,000	1	1,500	10 00	37 40	.....	37 40	.....	2 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Morrow.....	24	163	1	2	3	24	1	6,000	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 45	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....
Waynesville.....	10	231	1	3	.....	30	1	6,000	1	1,500	40 00	86 00	64 00	150 00	65 50	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....
New Burlington.....	21	418	.....	4	.....	24	6	10,500	1	1,200	17 37	59 70	.....	59 70	.....	12 82	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....
Xenia: First Church.....	44	339	1	5	5	3	1	22,000	1	6,000	76 00	89 00	128 22	217 22	.....	14 25	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	.....
Trinity.....	2	220	1	3	.....	.....	1	30,000	.....	.....	64 85	110 34	13 71	124 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 10	.....	.....
Miami Circuit.....	23	387	3	6	12	0	8	11,600	1	1,900	31 25	66 11	.....	66 11	.....	4 50	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Total .....	540	5501	34	78	131	281	51	\$425,200	10	\$10,200	\$1332 86	\$2402 39	\$1557 67	\$3960 06	\$1510 54	\$312 15	\$65 91	\$96 94	\$735 32	\$41 72	\$102 15
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																					
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	55	535	3	8	15	22	1	200,000	1	20,000	469 50	1075 36	641 99	1717 35	100 00	497 30	25 00	25 00	300 00	125 00	88 00
St. John's.....	2	120	1	3	8	1	1	30,000	.....	.....	13 00	8 00	22 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Christie.....	31	435	.....	.....	5	2	1	20,000	.....	.....	60 00	182 35	100 00	282 35	.....	25 70	.....	.....	27 00	.....	20 00

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	Probationers....	Full Members ..	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults .....	Churches.....	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	For Conference Claimants....	For Missions.			For Women's For. Miss. Society..	For B'd Church Extension.....	For Tract Soc'y.	For S. S Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society...	For Education..	American Bible Society.....
											Churches..	Sabbath-schools ..	Total.....							
Finley.....	15	133	1	1	9	5	1	\$25,000	...	\$29 00	\$24 00	...	\$24 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
York-street.....	27	268	1	2	10	6	1	40,000	...	25 00	45 47	\$16 53	62 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
M'Lean.....	18	235	2	2	14	10	1	18,000	...	...	25 00	...	25 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fairmount & C'p Washin't'n	6	50	...	...	1	1	1	7,000	...	11 00	35 00	...	35 00	...	...	...	...	\$5 00	...	...
Cumminsville.....	6	88	...	2	...	...	...	3,500	...	6 00	13 97	1 23	15 20	\$5 00	\$2 00	...	\$5 00	2 00	...	...
West Union and Asbury.....	6	124	2	4	1	...	2	1,600	...	30 00	115 25	...	115 25	\$40 00	11 50	...	...	50 00	...	...
Winton Place.....	2	49	...	...	...	3	1	3,000	...	20 00	10 49	74 51	85 00	...	50	1 00	10 00	\$0 50	...	...
Hartwell and Carthage.....	3	76	...	4	4	1	2	11,500	...	63 25	124 00	...	124 00	...	3 00	7 00	...	...	...	...
Lockland.....	15	200	1	4	8	25	1	31,540	1	\$8,000	105 25	389 25	37 22	426 47	67 00	6 00	5 00	64 00	16 50	\$15 60
Port Union.....	6	135	...	...	1	10	4	7,000	1	1,600	28 00	63 00	12 36	75 36	10 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	15 00
Cheviot.....	15	76	1	2	...	...	2	4,000	...	20 00	50 00	...	50 00	...	10 00	2 00	...	18 00	...	...
Bethany.....	...	183	1	3	...	3	2	7,000	1	55 00	24 00	...	24 00	...	4 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	...
Hamilton.....	7	526	...	5	26	78	1	25,000	1	60 00	225 00	...	225 00	100 00	9 00	2 00	3 00	8 00	...	35 00
Oxford.....	17	316	3	9	11	20	1	25,000	1	50 00	167 00	33 00	200 00	21 75	12 50	5 00	3 50	13 25	3 50	36 60
Venice.....	48	320	1	5	...	8	8	12,000	1	20 00	57 40	...	57 40	...	4 00	...	...	5 00	...	...
Harrison.....	...	120	...	3	...	...	1	15,000	...	31 25	36 10	7 75	43 85	...	5 00	...	...	6 35	...	...
North Bend.....	8	178	...	2	1	5	5	3,000	...	5 00	5 00	...	5 00	...	3 50	2 00	1 50	3 00	...	...
Eaton.....	3	320	1	5	3	2	1	35,000	1	48 00	96 68	62 00	158 68	...	7 00	1 00	1 00	15 00	11 00	53 00
Camden.....	12	242	2	1	5	35	5	6,450	1	14 25	41 50	...	41 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seven-mile.....	20	205	...	2	11	50	6	7,000	1	...	45 00	10 00	55 00	...	10 00	...	1 50	10 00	1 50	...
New Paris.....	21	158	1	4	...	26	5	4,000	1	3 35	4 12	...	4 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley..	5	108	1	3	4	2	2	3,500	1	15 00	22 91	2 89	25 80	...	2 30	20	20	5 00	30	9 00
Macedonia.....	...	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	342	5280	21	74	137	315	57	\$365,090	12	\$1181 94	\$2885 85	\$1021 48	\$3907 33	\$261 75	\$683 80	\$54 70	\$57 70	\$552 60	\$161 30	\$272 20
DAYTON DISTRICT.																				
Dayton: Grace Church.....	6	600	1	4	3	10	1	100,000	1	240 00	298 01	456 13	754 14	89 00	35 50	9 00	13 45	177 25	...	51 00
Raper.....	20	483	6	9	24	6	1	30,000	1	69 00	153 03	256 00	409 03	...	24 00	2 00	2 00	33 00	...	15 00
Sears Chapel and Ebenezer..	12	146	1	5	5	10	2	6,000	...	...	36 35	...	36 35	...	...	...	...	3 20	...	1 53
Davison Chapel.....	4	138	2	...	...	3	1	6,000	...	10 40	10 53	...	10 53	...	3 70	...	...	...	...	2 76
Troy: Mulberry Street.....	14	281	...	3	...	4	1	15,000	1	65 00	126 02	57 00	183 02	42 73	20 00	4 00	4 00	23 00	...	...
Tippecanoe.....	3	171	1	4	3	...	1	8,000	...	3 75	6 05	...	6 05	...	...	...	...	...	...	7 50
Addison.....	20	320	4	6	...	16	8	8,000	1	27 70	42 85	...	42 85	...	3 00	...	...	3 00	...	...
Concord.....	23	151	...	5	1	18	4	10,000	1	...	20 00	...	20 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lewisburg.....	10	200	3	2	...	7	...	12,000	1	20 00	40 00	...	40 00	...	10 00	...	...	1 00	...	10 00
Germantown and Winchester..	15	185	1	4	3	20	3	15,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Piqua: Green Street.....	10	418	3	4	15	...	1	30,000	1	35 00	80 00	100 00	180 00	...	...	...	...	10 00	...	40 00

Grace Church.....	5	200	1	2	1	3	1	12,000	...	.....	.....	16 00	.....	16 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....		
Lockington.....	30	260	3	2	10	60	4	4,000	1	1,000	8 00	50 00	.....	50 00	.....	1 00	5 55	.....	.....		
Fletcher.....	4	247	...	6	...	...	4	14,000	1	500	10 00	28 00	.....	28 00	.....	6 00	3 00	4 00	8 00		
Paris and Lena.....	32	272	2	5	9	15	2	2,000	1	500	18 25	60 00	10 00	70 00	7 00	4 00	.....	11 00	.....		
Brant.....	10	173	1	1	...	23	4	4,000	.....	.....	3 50	30 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....		
Miamisburg.....	47	238	3	2	6	20	2	12,000	1	1,500	36 00	60 10	20 00	80 10	28 25	6 25	1 45	1 45	6 50		
Franklin.....	6	140	...	4	...	...	1	20,000	.....	.....	10 00	49 00	.....	49 00	30 00	.....	.....	7 90	2 28		
Red Lion and Springboro.....	31	200	1	5	...	...	2	20,000	1	1,500	16 38	73 25	.....	73 25	.....	3 97	2 20	6 54	34 31		
Fairfield.....	26	233	2	4	24	30	3	11,000	1	500	5 00	28 35	.....	28 35	.....	.....	4 00	6 00	.....		
New Carlisle.....	22	275	1	4	1	11	3	15,000	1	2,500	25 00	75 04	10 66	85 70	7 00	5 00	1 25	1 10	7 45		
Middletown.....	9	217	1	4	1	3	1	15,000	...	.....	33 00	81 55	18 45	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00		
Monroe.....	3	163	...	2	3	19	2	12,000	1	3,000	49 00	61 25	38 75	100 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....		
Total.....	362	5332	37	87	110	271	59	\$381,000	15	\$40,800	\$684 98	\$1425 38	\$966 99	\$2392 37	\$205 98	\$110 50	\$23 90	\$36 54	\$312 35	\$1 00	\$183 38
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																					
Springfield: Central Church...	38	557	2	6	2	28	2	26,000	1	7,000	125 00	344 39	138 61	483 00	109 45	92 00	1 00	1 50	89 00	.....	26 58
High-street.....	4	290	3	4	3	2	1	30,000	1	10,000	90 01	197 40	162 82	360 22	123 00	45 40	9 00	9 45	60 00	15 50	32 00
Urbana: First Church.....	70	424	6	6	6	4	1	10,000	1	4,500	150 00	358 10	.....	358 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Second Church.....	55	290	...	1	10	25	1	6,000	1	2,500	100 00	312 00	30 00	342 00	.....	20 00	5 00	5 00	28 00	6 00	.....
King's Creek Circuit.....	20	476	4	6	10	50	8	10,000	2	3,500	53 00	141 27	49 79	191 06	.....	7 00	.....	.....	5 00	3 00	.....
Mingo and Tabor.....	22	155	...	5	3	5	3	7,500	1	1,200	23 25	62 50	.....	62 50	.....	6 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....
North Lewisburg.....	36	285	...	3	6	16	2	2,500	1	1,500	25 95	102 65	16 27	118 92	19 00	16 85	1 50	2 60	13 25	100 00	16 60
East Liberty.....	8	224	3	1	2	5	4	8,000	1	700	25 75	42 50	.....	42 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 45	.....	.....
Tremont.....	8	288	...	4	...	14	3	10,000	.....	.....	30 00	53 00	.....	53 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	18	296	2	4	3	1	1	9,000	1	3,000	.....	157 90	16 55	174 45	150 75	39 60	2 00	2 00	30 00	.....	.....
Catawba.....	20	325	2	3	5	50	7	10,000	1	800	10 00	75 00	.....	75 00	.....	2 00	2 50	5 00	1 50	.....	.....
Moorefield.....	8	160	...	...	...	...	2	5,000	1	2,500	29 10	40 00	8 95	48 95	.....	3 35	.....	3 50	9 50	3 35	.....
South Charleston.....	40	314	2	5	7	24	2	10,000	1	4,000	27 01	171 90	49 35	221 25	.....	12 76	2 63	2 88	20 76	5 13	.....
Yellow Springs.....	4	167	1	2	6	8	1	4,000	1	2,000	28 50	28 75	25 36	54 11	.....	1 00	5 00	50	4 50	.....	50
Old Town.....	8	165	1	2	1	17	5	6,000	...	.....	16 00	23 05	4 95	28 00	.....	6 25	2 60	2 60	2 00	2 00	.....
Jamestown.....	28	270	...	1	5	30	1	15,000	1	2,500	90 00	51 65	56 40	108 05	.....	10 00	3 00	2 00	10 00	2 00	.....
Union.....	12	489	3	5	...	5	8	18,700	1	800	70 00	223 60	4 40	228 00	22 35	40 60	.....	.....	10 00	5 00	30 00
Cedarville.....	62	256	2	7	10	2	3	3,000	1	700	26 30	71 20	2 10	73 30	.....	31 55	3 25	7 00	5 35	.....	.....
Jasper.....	25	274	1	2	1	7	3	2,080	1	1,150	7 50	120 50	1 00	121 50	12 00	10 52	5 08	.....	7 50	.....	40 25
Total.....	504	5696	32	67	80	293	58	\$193,500	18	\$48,350	\$927 37	\$2577 36	\$566 55	\$3143 91	\$436 55	\$346 28	\$42 06	\$40 78	\$330 31	\$143 48	\$155 93
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																					
Hillsboro.....	10	481	2	5	3	15	1	30,000	1	5,000	78 75	136 00	134 94	270 94	50 00	19 50	4 50	4 50	18 00	100 00	.....
Greenfield.....	27	468	1	7	2	9	1	10,000	1	2,500	75 00	77 02	30 56	107 58	30 75	10 00	3 00	3 00	10 00	.....	15 76
New Lexington.....	20	228	2	2	...	10	4	3,000	1	800	51 10	61 10	.....	61 10	30 00	2 50	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....
Leesburg.....	55	280	5	5	2	21	5	9,000	...	.....	41 10	43 50	6 50	50 00	.....	1 00	50	50	1 00	.....	25 44
Highland.....	60	600	4	7	2	29	7	7,550	2	700	45 00	164 00	.....	164 00	10 27	10 00	2 20	2 00	5 70	3 00	.....
Sinking Springs.....	14	720	4	12	10	15	11	13,000	2	1,200	15 00	102 00	.....	102 00	.....	7 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	6	353	...	5	...	...	2	15,000	1	3,500	29 10	35 75	40 00	75 75	.....	6 50	.....	.....	6 20	.....	3 63
Bower ville.....	182	338	6	5	...	3	6	9,000	...	.....	15 00	50 00	.....	50 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....
Clarksville.....	15	550	3	5	...	10	7	9,000	.....	.....	10 00	75 00	10 00	85 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	10 00

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.	Parsonages.....	Probable Value.	For Conference Chairmans....	For Missions.			For Women's For. Miss. Society..	For P'd Church Extension.....	For Tract Soc'y.	For S. S. Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society...	For Education..	American Bible Society.....
												Churches..	Sabbath-Schools..	Total.....							
Lynchburg.....	24	525	3	5	...	30	8	\$15,000	1	\$600	\$20 55	\$83 55	.....	\$83 55	.....	\$18 55	\$1 00	\$1 42	\$13 95	.....	.....
Sardinia.....	.....	370	2	.....	.....	.....	7	10,000	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester.....	10	450	5	3	13	43	8	12,000	1	600	17 70	60 84	\$18 65	79 49	.....	10 00	.....	1 05	4 00	.....	.....
Butlerville.....	73	531	2	8	...	17	9	11,000	1	600	18 00	73 21	.....	73 21	.....	10 00	.....	.....	10 15	.....	.....
Total.....	496	5894	39	69	32	204	75	\$153,550	12	\$16,100	\$416 30	\$961 97	\$240 65	\$1202 62	\$121 02	\$110 05	\$11 20	\$14 47	\$77 00	\$103 00	\$58 83
RIPLEY DISTRICT.																					
Ripley.....	6	340	2	3	11	8	1	37,000	1	2,500	48 40	112 73	16 67	129 40	\$22 00	.....	5 00	11 00	11 75	6 25	.....
Felicity.....	25	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3,500	1	400	12 00	40 00	.....	40 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	4	135	1	4	1	.....	1	12,000	1	1,200	23 00	50 00	10 00	60 00	18 00	10 00	4 35	4 50	9 50	3 00	.....
New Richmond.....	10	130	1	1	.....	18	1	14,000	1	3,000	12 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	5 00	.....	10 00
Decatur.....	16	565	5	.....	2	31	1	10,300	1	800	.....	221 55	.....	221 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester.....	40	305	2	5	17	12	3	5,800	1	1,200	21 00	35 00	25 00	60 00	42 85	6 00	3 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	5 00
Moscow.....	4	370	1	3	3	12	4	11,000	.....	.....	4 12	16 00	.....	16 00	.....	1 52	.....	57	1 20	53	.....
Laurel.....	25	501	6	14	3	23	8	11,000	1	650	22 00	81 00	.....	81 00	31 89	4 00	1 20	1 40	3 00	1 00	.....
Amelia.....	30	625	1	8	2	32	9	20,000	1	1,500	24 00	42 00	.....	42 00	.....	3 35	2 50	2 40	2 06	1 00	.....
Batavia.....	53	360	1	5	2	33	3	6,000	1	1,200	25 00	42 00	8 00	50 00	.....	8 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	.....
Boston.....	8	279	.....	6	3	6	2	10,800	.....	.....	17 05	48 39	7 60	55 99	.....	2 75	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	.....	350	1	1	.....	.....	2	5,000	1	1,000	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marathon.....	21	302	4	5	15	23	5	8,000	1	600	13 10	13 25	.....	13 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel.....	12	314	4	4	1	.....	5	5,000	1	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Feesburg.....	26	552	4	10	14	28	8	9,800	1	800	14 00	80 00	.....	80 00	.....	5 50	1 25	3 20	5 00	1 85	.....
West Union.....	34	417	4	8	9	30	7	6,180	1	1,000	7 10	56 15	.....	56 15	.....	.....	1 56	75	3 00	.....	.....
Total.....	314	5795	37	77	83	256	63	\$175,380	14	\$16,650	\$251 77	\$858 07	\$67 27	\$925 34	\$124 74	\$41 12	\$19 86	\$32 82	\$57 01	\$24 63	\$15 00

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	Probationers....	Full Members..	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults.....	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	For Conference Claimants....	For Missions.			For Woman's For. Miss. Society...	For B'd Church Extension.....	For Tract Soc'y..	For S. S. Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society....	For Education...	American Bible Society.....
												Churches..	Sabbath-Schools..	Total.....							
East Cincinnati.....	540	5501	34	78	131	284	51	\$425,200	10	\$40,200	\$1332 86	\$2402 39	\$1557 67	\$3960 06	\$1510 54	\$312 15	\$65 91	\$96 94	\$735 32	\$41 72	\$102 15
West Cincinnati.....	342	5280	21	74	137	315	57	365,090	12	29,900	1181 94	2885 85	1021 48	3907 33	261 75	683 80	54 70	57 70	552 60	161 30	272 20
Dayton .....	362	5332	37	87	110	271	59	381,000	15	40,800	684 98	1425 38	966 99	2392 37	205 98	110 50	23 90	36 54	312 35	1 00	183 38
Springfield.....	504	5696	32	67	80	293	58	193,500	18	48,350	927 37	2577 36	566 55	3143 91	436 55	346 28	42 06	40 78	330 31	143 48	155 93
Hillsboro .....	496	5894	39	69	32	204	75	153,550	12	16,100	416 30	961 97	240 65	1202 62	121 02	110 05	11 20	14 47	77 00	103 00	54 83
Ripley.....	314	5795	37	77	83	256	63	175,380	14	16,650	251 77	858 07	67 27	925 34	124 74	41 12	19 86	32 82	57 01	24 63	15 06
Grand Total... ..	2558	33498	200	452	573	1623	363	1,693,720	81	192,000	4795 22	11111 02	4420 61	15531 63	2660 58	1603 90	217 63	279 25	2064 59	175 13	783 49
Last year.....	2283	32623	214	434	508	875	356	1,883,974	77	207,883	5662 87	13682 69	5504 50	19187 19	2115 37	2622 90	251 67	354 29	4885 29	516 33	783 47
Increase.....	275	875	...	18	65	748	7	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	545 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Decrease.....	.....	.....	14	...	...	.....	...	190,254	...	15,883	867 65	2571 67	1083 89	3655 56	.....	1019 00	34 04	75 04	2820 70	41 26	.....

## GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. II.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.															SPECIAL COLL.	
	Support of Bishops.	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.....	Indebtedness on Ch's and Parsonages....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministerial Support.....	No. of Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages..	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars under 15 except Infant Class....	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Average Attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Officers & Teachers Ch. Men's or Probationers.	Scholars who are Ch. Members or Probationers.	Conversions .....	Library Books.....	Total Expenses of School this Year...	S. S. Advocates taken Weekly.....	S. S. Advocates taken Semi-monthly.....	S. S. Journals taken.	General Conference Expenses.....	Other Collections....
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																						
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel.....		\$1,200		\$1,750	\$1,750	1	23	250	199	112	39	216	23	82	50	700	\$77			25		\$150 00
Trinity.....	\$80 00	300		3,200	3,200	1	31	300	100	140	60	217	30	90	10	660	450		135	35		700 00
Asbury.....	20 00	275		1,690	1,690	1	28	300	125	125	50	254	28	20		475	585		200	25		134 00
Pearl Street.....	4 10			1,050	1,050	1	19	250	60	140	50	144	19				100		200	12		
Mt. Auburn.....	10 00			2,040	2,040	1	17	250	40	93	117	152	13	10	4		95	60		12		75 00
Walnut Hills.....	80 00			2,700	2,700	1	37	316	165	71	80	225	37			450	265		50	35		
Grace Church.....	29 50	500		1,625	1,625	1	11	62	30	17	15	55	11	12			50		50	10		
M'Kendree.....	15 00	265	\$92	1,520	1,520	1	25	280	75	145	60	185	25	50	35		94		150	18		
City Mission.....				1,500	1,500	4	29	230							7	380	415		200	15		
Columbia.....				840	840	1	15	143	47	54	42	131	15	50	22		84		100	12		
Pendleton.....						1	14	196	45	56	95	95	14	15	8		39	85		10		
Madisonville.....	10 00	35		1,070	1,070	1	26	200	90	70	40	178	24	50	20	300	200	125	52			
Mt. Washington.....	15 00	2,200		810	960	2	21	126	72	30	24	131	17	47	3		73		60	7	\$7 50	
Camp Dennison.....	5 00	200		720	660	5	50	270	100	130	40						200		60	40		
Milford.....	1 25	40	300	880	543	1	8	150	70	35	45	80	60			500	41			10		
Centenary.....	2 00	50		750	646	4	52	250				165	50		20	490			60	24		
Loveland and Mainville.....	6 00	25		700	700	2	30	153	85	43	25		25	45	3		35		12	24		
Lebanon.....	15 00	225	1,680	1,080	1,080	1	24	300	200	60	40	180	23		11	400	175			24		50 00
South Lebanon and Zoar.....			700	520	415	3	24	75	40	20	15	90	20		6	54						
Goshen.....	10 00			970	652	1	9	90	45	25	20	80	9	70	8	200			50			
Morrow.....	4 50			936		2	30	230	100	80	50	195	25	33	4	325	58			20		
Waynesville.....	2 00			1,060	1,060	1	26	250	140	60	50	140	26	100	25	225	100		100	17		
New Burlington.....			360	1,100		6	63	400	245	97	58	301	43	50	20		100		57	22		
Xenia: First Church.....	14 75				1,300	1	28	300	140	100	60	212	28				300		100	30		70 00
Trinity.....	10 00		250	1,200	1,200	1	21	84	40	28	16	66				500	67			20		
Miami Circuit.....		800	50	1,340	1,217	8	92	479	212	179	88	391	66	104	12	975	220		105	30		
Total.....	\$334 10	\$6,115	\$3,432	\$31,051	\$29,418	53	753	5,934	2,465	1,910	1,179	3,886	631	828	268	7,004	\$3,823	270	1,689	529	\$7 50	\$1,179 00
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																						
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	75 00			4,320	4,320	1	42	383	116	157	110	285	40	125	20	600	381			40		500 00

St. John's.....	.....	.....	8,150	.....	1,475	1 30	200	60	100	40	175	28	.....	8	554	250	.....	120	27	.....	.....
Christie.....	.....	400	.....	1,800	1,800	1 38	355	147	115	93	221	.....	.....	.....	550	337	300	.....	35	.....	.....
Finley.....	2 00	300	.....	1,500	1,500	1 24	143	80	28	35	140	24	50	25	200	300	.....	20	.....	.....	.....
York Street.....	10 75	3,500	3,000	1,800	1,800	1 35	400	100	150	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	500	259	150	.....	30	.....	.....
M'Lean.....	.....	650	.....	1,400	.....	1 20	355	100	175	80	.....	19	.....	23	400	350	.....	125	15	.....	.....
Fairmount and Camp Wash'ton	.....	.....	.....	860	860	1 13	140	40	50	50	.....	11	.....	.....	100	101	50	50	5	.....	.....
Cumminsville.....	5 00	.....	75	636	461	1 9	70	25	20	25	55	5	.....	.....	175	67	50	.....	6	.....	.....
West Union and Asbury.....	10 00	.....	.....	700	700	2 24	114	53	24	37	90	24	42	4	.....	80	.....	100	.....	10 00	.....
Winton Place.....	2 00	.....	.....	1,252	1,252	1 14	42	18	14	10	46	14	13	.....	.....	12	35	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hartwell and Carthage.....	10 00	4,800	2,300	1,054	1,054	2 17	160	70	40	50	130	15	30	.....	269	133	.....	75	17	.....	.....
Lockland.....	18 70	1,000	8,000	1,370	1,370	1 20	197	80	64	53	170	19	50	20	.....	95	.....	150	20	.....	3 79
Port Union.....	15 00	600	.....	860	860	3 36	260	130	95	35	168	27	40	10	550	150	45	40	19	4 00	.....
Cheviot.....	.....	.....	.....	600	600	2 24	180	.....	.....	.....	150	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethany.....	5 00	.....	.....	868	868	1 20	250	150	70	30	150	20	135	5	.....	125	.....	50	17	.....	.....
Hamilton.....	6 00	1,500	.....	1,320	1,320	2 50	600	286	199	125	482	50	240	138	400	500	.....	40	.....	.....	.....
Oxford.....	5 50	.....	.....	1,138	1,138	2 27	255	97	105	53	177	24	118	31	310	63	.....	19	.....	.....	.....
Venice.....	4 00	400	.....	1,110	920	7 50	362	.....	.....	286	50	.....	26	200	50	.....	50	21	.....	.....	.....
Harrison.....	3 00	.....	.....	700	700	1 12	75	20	25	20	65	12	.....	4	280	50	.....	12	.....	.....	.....
North Bend.....	.....	.....	.....	725	361	5 40	200	60	70	60	175	25	30	2	225	12	200	.....	25	.....	.....
Eaton.....	.....	1,000	1,200	1,300	.....	1 30	230	180	30	20	145	28	170	.....	400	360	100	.....	25	.....	.....
Camden.....	10 00	418	500	710	710	2 31	167	91	45	41	160	27	62	.....	132	90	.....	105	23	.....	.....
Seven-mile.....	6 00	2,000	340	765	765	5 45	317	139	130	48	206	31	158	60	300	202	.....	84	12	.....	1 50
New Paris.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 24	150	50	70	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	.....	35	.....	.....	.....
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley..	1 60	200	90	743	572	1 16	125	73	40	12	85	12	45	5	.....	37	.....	100	13	.....	.....
Macedonia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	189 55	\$16,768	\$23,655	\$27,531	\$25,406	49 691	5,730	2,165	1,816	1,207	3,561	525	1,308	381	6,145	\$4,037	930	1,084	441	\$14 00	\$505 29
DAYTON DISTRICT.																					
Dayton : Grace Church.....	17 30	58,000	2,500	2,610	2,610	1 36	440	160	170	110	250	36	30	23	450	300	.....	200	44	6 50	.....
Raper.....	15 00	.....	2,000	.....	1,750	1 50	600	.....	.....	175	500	50	300	30	.....	350	300	.....	60	.....	.....
Sears Chapel and Ebenezer...	.....	45	.....	640	564	2 23	134	77	30	27	103	22	67	28	.....	36	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Davison Chapel.....	.....	.....	.....	700	640	1 26	113	40	43	30	.....	.....	5	.....	630	53	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Troy : Mulberry Street.....	10 00	112	.....	1,300	1,300	1 32	309	207	102	60	187	24	60	15	250	115	.....	50	27	.....	.....
Tippecanoe.....	2 00	.....	.....	600	520	1 24	95	50	25	20	20	18	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Addison.....	5 00	.....	.....	1,275	1,110	8 100	530	350	80	100	.....	430	90	40	.....	60	.....	90	4	.....	.....
Concord.....	.....	.....	.....	600	500	3 25	250	150	75	25	125	50	52	20	100	25	.....	50	10	.....	.....
Lewisburg.....	5 00	3,500	200	870	660	6 80	425	200	65	60	300	70	100	4	.....	100	.....	150	.....	.....	.....
Germantown and Winchester...	.....	.....	.....	730	511	2 12	175	100	50	.....	225	10	40	26	.....	.....	.....	50	6	.....	.....
Piqua : Green Street.....	.....	150	.....	1,450	1,450	1 35	500	350	100	50	380	35	.....	5	600	900	.....	35	.....	.....	.....
Grace Church.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	700	1 15	175	125	50	30	110	14	65	7	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lockington.....	.....	.....	.....	540	500	2 29	230	.....	.....	25	160	27	.....	80	.....	50	.....	70	.....	.....	.....
Fletcher.....	.....	.....	.....	775	.....	4 47	257	147	77	33	202	42	.....	.....	355	60	.....	120	24	.....	.....
Paris and Lena.....	.....	.....	.....	860	860	2 32	160	70	65	25	120	27	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....
Brant.....	.....	.....	.....	500	500	5 40	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180	12	.....	.....
Miamisburg.....	10 60	.....	.....	955	955	2 21	287	.....	.....	63	199	31	140	75	330	144	.....	150	35	.....	.....
Franklin.....	2 00	.....	500	1,185	1,077	1 18	190	90	60	40	18	15	.....	.....	200	60	.....	75	25	.....	.....
Red Lion and Springboro.....	4 36	.....	.....	900	900	2 24	185	92	48	45	155	23	50	.....	200	80	.....	100	19	.....	.....

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.													SPECIAL COLL.			
	Support of Bishops...	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.....	Indebtedness on Ch's and Parsonages.....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministerial Support.....	No. Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages...	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars under 15 except Infant Class....	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Average Attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Officers & Teachers Ch. Men & Probaters.	Scholars who are Ch. Members or Probats	Conversions.....	Library Books.....	Total Expenses of Schools this year....	S. S. Advocates taken Weekly .....	S. S. Advocates taken Semi-monthly.....	S. S. Journals taken.	General Conference Expenses.....	Other Collections.....
Fairfield.....	.....	.....	\$600	\$760	\$615	3	40	250	.....	.....	40	.....	40	70	18	225	\$150	.....	150	8	.....	.....
New Carlisle.....	\$4 81	.....	700	800	740	3	41	335	179	82	75	248	36	122	15	200	128	.....	.....	37	.....	.....
Middletown.....	3 00	\$2,000	1,500	1,200	1,200	1	20	120	60	36	24	95	20	40	10	250	115	80	.....	33	.....	.....
Monroe.....	3 50	130	.....	1,030	1,030	2	12	100	60	20	20	70	12	50	16	70	35	60	12	8	.....	\$32 00
Total.....	\$82 57	\$63,937	\$8,000	\$19,280	\$19,692	55	792	6,210	2,507	1,208	1,077	3,558	1,030	1,386	414	3,960	\$2,761	490	1,520	387	\$6 50	\$32 00
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																						
Springfield: Central Church....	11 50	257	1,800	1,540	1,540	2	43	400	.....	.....	130	261	43	.....	...	680	200	150	.....	34	5 00	161 15
High Street.....	32 00	80	6,000	1,500	1,500	1	33	207	86	88	33	171	30	66	3	300	169	.....	.....	30	7 16	22 16
Urbana: First Church.....	.....	56	.....	1,200	1,200	2	43	355	225	112	80	298	40	165	45	750	313	.....	150	30	.....	.....
Second Church.....	18 00	75	.....	1,300	1,300	1	23	150	50	75	25	125	23	75	35	.....	100	.....	125	25	5 00	10 00
King's Creek Circuit.....	8 00	.....	50	1,400	1,400	9	95	500	200	210	70	395	92	300	50	800	300	300	.....	50	.....	.....
Mingo and Tabor.....	5 00	.....	.....	830	.....	3	36	183	78	87	18	.....	34	.....	14	.....	75	.....	150	21	7 50	.....
North Lewisburg.....	6 82	.....	200	1,000	820	2	33	210	73	77	60	125	31	36	...	200	91	.....	90	11	.....	.....
East Liberty.....	5 50	1,500	.....	760	760	4	36	186	110	50	26	140	28	122	8	200	75	.....	80	36	.....	.....
Tremont.....	5 40	45	.....	890	.....	3	29	200	120	30	50	160	53	60	15	473	55	51	.....	13	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	6 00	135	.....	1,000	.....	1	31	252	122	130	60	177	31	150	3	207	172	.....	100	20	.....	.....
Catawba.....	5 00	5,553	2,200	1,000	963	10	50	200	120	60	20	137	41	164	76	.....	75	.....	80	18	.....	.....
Moorefield.....	3 35	.....	.....	560	560	2	20	125	75	30	20	100	20	50	...	.....	26	.....	.....	22	.....	.....
South Charleston.....	3 88	.....	.....	1,000	1,000	2	35	225	115	75	35	175	36	78	25	266	82	.....	75	17	.....	.....
Yellow Springs.....	2 00	92	.....	750	750	1	17	96	28	48	20	68	13	10	7	200	16	.....	50	12	4 00	.....
Old Town.....	3 25	.....	.....	700	653	6	40	290	160	100	30	210	45	46	26	800	10	75	.....	10	.....	.....
Jamestown.....	14 71	13,500	200	900	900	1	25	206	72	100	28	120	25	.....	75	.....	94	.....	75	20	.....	.....
Union.....	.....	.....	.....	1,685	1,685	7	87	439	253	91	95	314	87	183	10	945	66	95	.....	25	.....	.....
Cedarville.....	6 88	161	.....	800	.....	4	43	252	135	41	66	190	41	57	16	.....	199	.....	90	23	5 75	.....
Jasper.....	3 00	1,236	260	850	797	3	40	175	111	44	20	115	39	82	14	200	38	.....	54	7	.....	.....
Total.....	\$140 29	\$22,684	\$10,710	\$18,915	\$15,828	64	759	4,645	2,133	1,448	886	3,281	752	1,644	422	6,021	\$2,150	671	1,119	424	\$34 41	\$193 31
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																						
Hillsboro.....	16 75	3,000	.....	1,685	1,685	1	33	230	92	120	80	225	33	85	15	250	92	.....	100	30	.....	.....
Greenfield.....	6 00	750	.....	1,125	1,125	1	25	240	75	125	40	180	27	140	47	280	56	.....	.....	25	4 50	.....
New Lexington.....	.....	5,000	.....	750	700	4	46	300	170	110	61	193	30	80	29	352	36	100	.....	16	.....	.....
Leesburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	70	.....	.....	.....
Highland.....	5 50	1,650	.....	1,305	1,123	8	67	490	235	213	43	390	67	206	35	417	87	40	76	35	.....	.....

Sinking Springs.....	.....	\$2,000	.....	\$1,300	\$1,300	11 98	560	200	260	85	400	98	200	15	500	\$75	50	.....	20	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	\$11 72	150	\$800	1,115	1,115	1 23	250	100	75	75	142	22	38	.....	253	70	.....	100	18	.....	.....
Bowersville.....	.....	.....	.....	780	.....	6 66	428	203	185	60	342	56	164	94	600	64	.....	40	25	6 31	.....
Clarksville.....	5 00	500	50	1,700	1,330	7 100	640	365	165	85	470	.....	200	20	740	30	75	.....	25	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	3 00	.....	.....	1,300	.....	8 97	532	280	188	103	397	79	117	6	542	178	90	.....	39	.....	.....
Sardinia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 60	346	188	118	34	270	50	112	11	406	.....	.....	40	6	.....	.....
Winchester.....	5 00	100	400	800	.....	7 90	708	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	40	1,000	60	.....	46	20	.....	.....	
Butlerville.....	7 00	118	597	1,215	.....	9 90	538	278	179	81	340	79	177	24	680	68	49	.....	38	7 00	.....
Total.....	\$59 97	\$13,268	\$1,847	\$13,075	\$8,378	73 815	5,616	2,186	1,738	822	3,349	539	1,519	376	6,020	\$866	404	472	297	\$17 81	.....
RIPLEY DISTRICT.																					
Ripley.....	4 35	1,000	.....	1,305	1,305	1 36	200	.....	.....	.....	132	33	.....	...	600	161	150	.....	28	.....	.....
Felicity.....	.....	20	.....	825	825	3 25	230	90	120	20	175	.....	.....	25	.....	20	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Georgetown.....	6 00	.....	.....	815	765	1 12	125	46	34	45	80	11	25	...	100	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
New Richmond.....	3 00	100	.....	.....	.....	1 14	200	75	85	40	150	14	40	5	150	90	50	.....	16	.....	170 00
Decatur.....	.....	2,000	.....	1,335	.....	6 97	470	225	110	35	375	97	250	25	400	200	.....	300	45	.....	.....
Manchester.....	6 00	100	.....	775	775	3 40	325	175	50	100	300	35	125	15	125	50	95	.....	35	5 00	.....
Moscow.....	1 45	300	.....	800	657	5 53	415	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	300	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Laurel.....	9 00	15	300	1,500	1,018	7 161	515	315	160	130	375	95	368	30	520	50	60	.....	40	.....	.....
Amelia.....	4 31	.....	35	1,125	1,021	8 115	815	492	188	144	552	56	162	21	1,463	170	.....	180	45	.....	.....
Batavia.....	9 00	550	.....	900	850	4 40	300	150	94	56	225	35	125	50	.....	75	100	.....	30	.....	.....
Boston.....	8 00	.....	.....	705	705	3 39	246	.....	.....	33	156	.....	.....	13	500	76	75	.....	21	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	.....	1,200	350	650	566	2 40	290	95	.....	.....	145	35	75	...	650	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
Marathon.....	.....	3,000	1,000	685	685	5 55	295	190	100	5	190	55	120	20	775	60	50	.....	12	.....	.....
Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 45	288	164	77	37	193	41	.....	...	350	28	60	.....	18	.....	.....
Feesburg.....	8 00	.....	.....	1,135	1,009	8 85	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	100	55	.....	.....
West Union.....	7 00	.....	800	1,085	786	7 87	470	350	135	55	320	80	177	32	1,100	117	.....	76	8	.....	.....
Total.....	\$66 11	\$8,285	\$2,485	\$13,640	\$10,967	68 884	5,584	2,492	1,153	700	3,368	587	1,467	236	7,033	\$1,037	640	656	353	\$5 00	\$170 00

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.						SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.														SPECIAL COLL.	
	Support of Bishops...	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.....	Indebtedness on Ch's and Parsonages.....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministerial Support.....	No. of Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages..	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars under 15 except Infant Class...	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Average Attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Officers & Teachers Ch. Men's or Probaters.	Scholars who are Ch. Men's or Probaters.	Conversions.....	Library Books.....	Total Expenses of Schools this Year..	S. S. Advocates taken Weekly.....	S. S. Advocates taken Semi-monthly.....	S. S. Journals taken..	General Conference Expenses.....	Other Collections....
East Cincin'ti	\$334 10	\$6,115	\$3,432	\$31,051	\$29,418	53	753	5,934	2,465	1,910	1,179	3,886	631	828	268	7,004	\$3,823	270	1,689	529	.....	\$1,179 00
West Cincin'ti	189 55	16,768	23,655	27,531	25,406	49	691	5,730	2,165	1,816	1,207	3,561	525	1,308	381	6,145	4,037	930	1,084	441	\$4 00	505 29
Dayton.....	82 57	63,937	8,000	19,280	19,692	55	792	6,210	2,507	1,208	1,077	3,558	1,030	1,386	414	3,960	2,761	490	1,520	387	6 50	32 00
Springfield.....	140 29	22,684	10,710	18,915	15,828	64	759	4,645	2,133	1,448	886	3,281	752	1,644	422	6,021	2,150	671	1,119	424	34 41	193 31
Hillsboro.....	59 97	13,268	1,847	13,075	8,378	73	815	5,616	2,186	1,738	822	3,349	539	1,519	376	6,026	866	404	472	297	17 81	.....
Ripley .....	66 11	8,285	2,485	13,640	10,967	68	884	5,584	2,492	1,153	700	3,368	587	1,467	236	7,033	1,037	640	656	353	5 00	170 00
Grand total....	\$872 59	\$131,057	\$50,129	\$123,492	\$109,689	362	4,694	33,719	13,948	9,273	5,871	21,002	4,064	8,152	2,097	36,183	\$14,674	3,405	6,540	2,431	\$77 72	\$2,079 60
Total last year	1,044 03	115,819	67,130	114,885	113,260	345	4,506	32,072	10,970	7,552	5,767	20,540	3,477	7,332	1,163	39,012	11,592	.....	9,693	2,221	.....	3,820 20
Increase.....	.....	\$15,238	.....	\$8,607	.....	13	188	1,647	2,978	1,721	104	462	587	820	934	.....	\$3,082	3,405	.....	210	\$77 72	.....
Decrease .....	\$171 44	.....	\$17,001	.....	\$3,571	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,829	.....	.....	3,153	.....	.....	\$1,740 60

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH STATISTICS.

THE Committee on Church Statistics are glad to be able to report that the statistical reports from the various charges are more full than heretofore, and that they have come earlier into the hands of the Committee. And yet, while we make this favorable general report, there are still some who allow a considerable part of the session to pass before they report; and some reports, when received, are found incomplete.

If our reports from the charges are defective as to numbers, values, etc., then the published tables of our Secretary will make a false showing. If the spaces provided for the report of collections are not filled, then these blanks show either that the collections have not been taken; or, if taken, have not been reported. In order that our reports may be more full and prompt in the future, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Conference be requested to send the statistical blanks and collection envelopes to the presiding elders for their preachers in charge three months before the Conference session.

2. *Resolved*, That we will use our diligence to perfect our reports before leaving our respective charges for the seat of the Conference, and that we will be prepared to present them on the first day of the session.

3. *Resolved*, That we will hold a special session in the afternoon of the first day of the Conference for the purpose of presenting our statistical reports and collections.

4. *Resolved*, That the Statistical Secretary shall not be required to receive and enter statistics presented after the third day of the session.

WM. B. MOLER, *Secretary*.

C. H. KALBFUS, *President*.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

### Ohio Wesleyan University.

THE Ohio Wesleyan University has never done better work for her pupils, for the Church, or for the general public, than during the past year. Never has the zeal, competency, or fidelity of her professors been greater, nor have the prospects of the University, for usefulness, ever seemed more flattering, provided the needed endowment can only be realized. The Board of Trustees have elected unanimously the Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D., to assume control of this great Church enterprise, and all that is now required to insure continued and enlarged prosperity is an immediate increase of the endowment fund.

Never before has the institution been so trammelled and crippled in its great work for lack of funds to meet current expenses. The appropriations made by the Trustees at their last session exceed their income by several hundred dollars; and now it is for the Cincinnati Conference to say whether this noble institution shall falter in her great work. To the action of this body the Trustees and Faculty look with intensest solicitude.

If the influence of the Ohio Wesleyan University be an important

element in the evangelization of this mighty and growing West; if her work is needful in the great cause of popular education; if Methodism requires an institution of learning of as high a grade as any in the country; if we can not hope to hold our position in this country without an educated ministry, then it is our most solemn and imperative duty to awaken to the great work bequeathed to us by the founders of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

We therefore recommend, for adoption, the following:

*Whereas*, This Conference has voted to endow a professorship by raising at least thirty thousand dollars for the purpose; and, *whereas*, the last General Conference recommended the raising of a memorial fund during the Centenary year of the nation, and its appropriation to the support of our literary institutions; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we will continue our efforts in behalf of the Ohio Wesleyan University, that the largest measure of usefulness may be realized, and that we earnestly commend it to all our people for their liberal contributions, and to those who are disposing of their property by will, that they remember this worthy enterprise in their bequests.

2. *Resolved*, That, for the purpose of raising the proposed endowment, we recommend, in consequence of the present monetary pressure, that subscriptions be taken, secured by note, payable in five annual installments, without interest, if subscribers desire it, for any sum not less than twenty-five dollars per annum; and we pledge ourselves to give of our means to the extent of our ability, and to aid in securing liberal subscriptions from our people.

3. *Resolved*, That, for the carrying forward of this work, the following Committees be appointed from the various districts of this Conference, and that, should any vacancies occur, it shall be the duty of the Educational Society of this Conference to provide a supply:

*East Cincinnati District*—W. L. Hypes, Chairman; A. B. Leonard, J. R. Wright, C. W. Rowland.

*West Cincinnati District*—C. W. Ketcham, Chairman; James Murray, C. W. Cole, J. Cochnower.

*Dayton District*—James Stephenson, Chairman; T. H. Pearne, Eugene Parrott, G. W. Hoglen.

*Springfield District*—J. W. Cassatt, Chairman; E. T. Wells, P. P. Mast, Wm. Warnock,

*Hillsboro District*—J. T. Bail, Chairman; L. Clark, I. H. De Bruin, Jacob Saylor.

*Ripley District*—G. Moody, Chairman; J. P. Porter, A. J. Stivers, J. T. Wilson.

4. *Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the able services of Rev. L. D. M'Cabe, D. D., as acting President for the last three years, wherein he has shown great skill in the exercise of a kind and efficient discipline, and in maintaining a high standard of Christian education; and we respectfully request the presiding Bishop to reappoint him to the chair he has so long and usefully occupied in the Faculty of the University.

5. *Resolved*, That we recommend the re-election of Rev. L. F. Van Cleve, A. M., as a trustee of the University.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of Rev. J. M. Walden, D. D., and of Rev. T. H. Pearne, D. D., as visitors and examiners of the University for the ensuing year.

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of a financial agent for the Ohio Wesleyan University from the Cincinnati Conference; and we respectfully request the Presiding Bishop to appoint the Rev. L. F. Van Cleve to this position; and that Revs. E. T. Wells, J. T. Bail, and F. G. Mitchell be a committee to estimate the salary of said agent.

#### EASTERN OHIO CONFERENCE AND THE UNIVERSITY.

*Whereas*, the last General Conference created the Eastern Ohio Conference, thereby including the territory of our State in conferences wholly within its limits; and *whereas*, Methodism in every part of Ohio is equally interested in making the Ohio Wesleyan University a thoroughly equipped institution, the real and powerful center of our denominational educational work in this State; therefore,

*Resolved*, That cordially welcoming the Eastern Ohio Conference to its place among the conferences of Ohio Methodism, we earnestly invite said Conference to a joint patronage of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

#### PROPOSED UNION OF THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE.

On the proposed union of the Ohio Wesleyan University and the Ohio Wesleyan Female College, your Committee submit the following:

*Whereas*, in the judgment of this Conference, the Trustees of the Ohio Wesleyan University are in position to be the best judges of the practicability and desirableness of the proposed union; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Cincinnati Conference authorize such action, whenever, in the opinion of three-fourths of said Board of Trustees, the time for such consolidation has arrived, provided that the union imposes no pecuniary embarrassment on the University.

#### Xenia College.

THIS institution commands the entire confidence of the community in which it is located, and continues to receive, as it deserves, a liberal patronage. Though it was originally established for ladies only, for the last thirteen years gentlemen also have been admitted, and the experiment of co-education in this institution has been successful. The work of the school has been steadily and efficiently prosecuted during the past year. The Normal-school, held during the summer vacation, is attracting the attention of teachers more and more, having been attended during the recent session by seventy-five students.

The character and ability of President Wm. Smith and his Faculty are a sufficient guarantee that the institution will continue to deserve the patronage of the public.

We recommend as visitors and examiners, for the ensuing year, the pastors of Xenia, Dayton, and Yellow Springs.

#### Hillsboro Female College.

1. **RESOLVED**, That W. I. Fee, W. B. Moler, J. T. Bail, J. F. Chalfant, L. F. Van Cleve, A. Meharry, and M. Dustin be chosen trustees of the Hillsboro Female College for the ensuing year.

2. *Resolved*, That the pastors of Hillsboro and Greenfield and the presiding elder of Hillsboro District be the visitors and examiners for the ensuing year.

3. *Resolved*, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to reappoint Rev. J. M'D. Mathews, D. D., to the presidency of this institution, and that we commend the school to the confidence and patronage of the public.

#### FINANCIAL.

*Whereas*, the Cincinnati Annual Conference, at its session in Hillsboro in 1869, accepted the proposition to settle the claim of the Hillsboro Female College by the payment of \$3,500, with this proviso, namely: "And in the event of the failure to secure this money by any and all the means tried by the next session of our Conference, we then give up all our right in the College, and surrender it back to the trustees and stockholders, on condition the money paid heretofore from collections be refunded to the Conference;" and *whereas*, after payment of \$3,607.95 by members of our Conference, there remains due, on principal and interest, \$1,152.05, for the payment of which there is no provision, except the unpaid subscriptions, the collection of which does not seem practicable; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference will relinquish all claim upon said College, in pursuance with its action above named, whenever the amount we have paid to the present time shall be refunded.

2. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference are hereby instructed to receive the moneys so refunded; and when the full amount is refunded, the members of the Board of Trustees of said College, elected by this Conference, shall vacate their places in said board.

#### Cincinnati Wesleyan College.

THIS oldest of our colleges for the education of women has had a very successful year. Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., has carried into his new position his characteristic energy and enthusiasm. Two hundred and twenty pupils have been in attendance during the year. The graduating class numbered thirty-three, being the largest class ever sent out by this institution.

The exterior of the building—one of the most elegant of the kind in the country—has been newly painted during the Summer vacation, greatly improving its appearance; while other changes which have been made will add to the efficiency of this noble and successful school.

The College of Music, under the direction of Carl Barus, offers unusual advantages to those studying this science. At the last Commencement, original musical compositions were executed. In the department of Natural Science, in charge of an accomplished teacher, large attention will be given to instruction and experiment from a Christian stand-point. The new Laboratory and its furnishing will be unsurpassed by any other institution.

We cordially commend this school to the patronage of our people and of the public.

We respectfully request the Presiding Bishop to reappoint Rev. D. H.

Moore, D. D., to the presidency of the Cincinnati Wesleyan College. We also recommend the Conference to appoint as visitors and examiners for the ensuing year the pastors of Wesley and St. Paul's, Cincinnati; Grace Church, Dayton; Green-street Church, Piqua; First Church, Urbana; Central Church, Springfield; First Church, Xenia; and the pastors of Hillsboro and Ripley.

### Garrett Biblical Institute.

FROM the Visiting Committee of the Cincinnati Conference, who attended the recent Commencement exercises at the Garrett Biblical Institute, meeting there visitors from the several Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin Conferences, we learn that the class of graduates displayed thoroughness in those studies in which they were examined, and that they went forth from the institution well furnished for effective service for the Master; that the attendance of students had been about as ordinary—slightly less, perhaps, from the financial depression; that, owing to the financial crisis, the funds had failed to fully meet the expenses; and that the professors had generously consented to a large reduction of their already small salaries.

*Resolved*, That wealthy Christians be encouraged, of their abundance, to bestow substantial help upon this grand agency for good, and so tide over the present difficulty.

Ultimately, the foundations of the institution will be ample for all its needs. At present the income is small and unreliable.

C. H. PAYNE, *Chairman*.

J. F. MARLAY, *Secretary*.

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			
Wesley Chapel, W. I. Fee.....	\$8 37	Bethany, R. K. Deem.....	\$1 00
Asbury, A. Bowers.....	2 00	Seven-mile, E. Burdsall.....	1 50
Trinity, Earl Cranston.....	9 50	Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	3 50
Mt. Washington, R. E. Smith...	4 50	Winton Place, J. F. Conrey.....	50
Camp Dennison, E. C. Smith....	2 00	Total.....	\$152 40
Avondale, W. N. Brodbeck.....	3 50		
Xenia: First Church, M. A. Richards.....	5 00	DAYTON DISTRICT.	
Mt. Auburn, W. W. Case.....	5 25	New Carlisle, John G. Black....	\$1 00
Total.....	\$41 12		
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.	
St. Paul, C. H. Payne.....	\$125 00	Urbana: Second Church, Geo. H. Dart.....	\$6 00
Lockland, D. J. Starr.....	16 50	Jamestown, John W. Mason....	2 00
Madisonville, S. Bennett.....	2 10	Catawba, B. F. January.....	1 50
Port Union, W. H. Black.....	2 00	High Street, S. B. Smith.....	15 50
Fair Haven, J. F. Hull.....	30	King's Creek, F. M. Clemans....	3 00
		Union, F. S. Davis.....	5 00
		Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	2 00

South Charlestown, William B. Moler .....	\$5 13
Moorefield, C. W. Rishell .....	3 35
Total .....	\$44 48

## RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Amelia, L. M. Davis .....	\$1 00
Georgetown, Jas. P. Porter .....	3 00
Manchester, S. N. Marsh .....	10 00

Moscow, T. J. Euans .....	\$0 53
Laurel, John Vance .....	1 00
Feesburg, W. M. Boyer .....	1 25

Total.....\$16 75

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Highland Circuit, D. L. Hayward .....	\$3 00
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>\$258 75</b>

A. BOWERS, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

FORASMUCH as the last General Conference adopted and published a general plan of Sunday-school organization and control, we deem it of importance that these regulations should be adopted in all our schools, where practicable. (See Discipline, Sections 248-9.)

In addition to these disciplinary provisions, we do not hesitate to express the opinion that the time has now come when the pastor who wilfully neglects the Sunday-school loses his Samson lock of power, and his services will not be sought for by the people.

We believe the difficulty of keeping our young people in the Sunday-school, as they approach manhood and womanhood, will be fully obviated by the faithful attendance of the parents and older members of the Church; and we would suggest the formation of a class in every school for those in advanced life.

We would commend to all our schools the immediate adoption of the Constitution prescribed by our late General Conference. We would recommend the adoption of the "Berean Series," on sale by Hitchcock & Walden, Cincinnati, to all our Sunday-schools, and we would urge the continuance of those schools during the entire year.

We would also encourage and assist our people to make such contributions to the support of our Sunday-schools as will enable them to provide suitable libraries and an ample supply of our periodical literature.

S. N. MARSH, *Secretary.*

EARL CRANSTON, *Chairman.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			
		Mt. Auburn.....	\$2 85
		Camp Dennison.....	1 00
Wesley Chapel.....	\$8 00	Xenia: First Church.....	5 00
East Pearl Street.....	1 50	Walnut Hills.....	12 47
Trinity.....	10 75	Madisonville .....	21 35
Avondale .....	10 50	Centenary .....	50
Asbury.....	2 00	New Burlington.....	1 25
Pendleton .....	15 75		
Mt. Washington.....	4 00		
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## WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cumminsville.....	\$5 00
Fair Haven.....	20
Bethany.....	2 00
Port Union.....	2 00
Camden.....	1 00
Hartwell and Carthage.....	7 00
Oxford.....	3 50
Winton Place.....	1 00
North Bend.....	1 50
Seven-mile.....	1 50
Hamilton.....	3 00
St. Paul's, Cincinnati.....	25 00
Christie, Cincinnati.....	1 00
Lockland.....	5 00
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	\$58 70

## DAYTON DISTRICT.

Raper Chapel.....	\$2 00
Red Lion and Springboro.....	6 54
Dayton: Grace Church.....	13 45
New Carlisle.....	1 10
Fletcher.....	4 00
Troy: Mulberry Street.....	4 00
Miamisburg.....	1 45
Fairfield.....	4 00
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	\$36 54

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Moorefield.....	\$3 35
Mechanicsburg.....	2 00
Old Town.....	2 60

Jamestown.....	\$2 00
South Charleston.....	2 88
Springfield: Central Church.....	1 50
High Street.....	9 45
Yellow Springs.....	50
Catawba.....	2 50
Cedarville.....	7 00
Urbana: Second Church.....	5 00
North Lewisburg.....	2 00
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	\$40 78

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Hillsboro.....	\$4 50
Highland.....	2 00
Lynchburg.....	1 42
Greenfield.....	3 00
Winchester.....	1 05
Leesburg.....	50
Lexington.....	1 00
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	\$13 47

## RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Feesburg.....	\$3 20
Georgetown.....	4 50
West Union.....	75
Laurel.....	1 40
Ripley.....	11 00
New Richmond.....	2 00
Manchester.....	6 00
Moscow.....	57
Amelia.....	2 40
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	\$31 82

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

East Cincinnati District.....	\$96 92
Collections are reported from 14 out of 25 charges. The amount exceeds that of last year.	
West Cincinnati District.....	58 70
Reports from 14 out of 26 charges.	
Dayton District.....	36 54
Collections reported from 8 out of 23 charges.	
Springfield District.....	40 78
Reports from 12 out of 19 charges.	
Hillsboro District.....	13 47
Reports from 7 out of 13 charges.	
Ripley District.....	31 82
Reports from 9 out of 16 charges.	

S. B. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

RECOGNIZING the fact that this Society has, under God, accomplished, and believing that it will continue to accomplish, great good, and being convinced that it does not receive the attention its merits demand; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, as the authorized agents of this Society, commend it to the special favor of the Church, and that we will solicit funds for its support in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline.

WM. YOUNG, *Chairman*.

T. DEWITT PEAK, *Secretary*.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

### EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Trinity, Earl Cranston.....	\$25 00
Walnut Hills, A. B. Leonard..	69 73
Wesley Chapel, W. I. Fee.....	45 60
Mt. Auburn, W. W. Case .....	17 55
Avondale, W. H. Brodbeck.....	14 00
Mt. Washington, R. E. Smith..	8 00
East Pearl Street, John W.	
Weakley.....	3 70
Columbia, John W. Gaddis....	5 00
Cummins ville, G. M. Hammel.	5 00
Asbury, A. Bowers.....	20 00
Xenia: First Church, M. A.	
Richards.....	14 25
Second Church, G. C. Crum.	18 00
Lebanon, J. N. Irvin.....	25 00
Goshen, Wesley Spurgeon Rae	2 00
Morrow, B. F. Dimmick.....	2 45
New Burlington, W. B. Jack-	
son.....	12 82
Camp Dennison, E. C. Smith..	2 00
Miami, C. H. Kalbfus.....	4 50
Madisonville, S. Bennett.....	40 00
Centenary, H. Stokes.....	55

Total.....\$335 15

### WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

St. Paul, C. H. Payne.....	\$497 30
Lockland, D. J. Starr.....	67 00
Hamilton, T. J. Harris .....	6 00
Cheviot, M. M. Kugler.....	10 00
Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	12 50
Camden, J. S. Pumphrey.....	7 00
Bethany, R. K. Deem.....	4 00
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley,	
John F. Hull.....	2 30

Seven Mile, E. Burdsall.....	\$10 00
Venice, C. Kalbfus.....	4 00
North Bend, J. C. Boltin.....	3 50
Port Union, W. H. Black.....	10 00
Christie Chapel, Jas. Murray..	25 70
West Union and Asbury, D.	
R. Baker .....	11 50
Harrison, John Wilson.....	5 00
New Paris, J. J. Hill.....	4 00

Total.....\$629 80

### DAYTON DISTRICT.

Grace, T. H. Pearne.....	\$35 50
Raper Church, W. A. Robinson	24 00
Davidson Chapel, W. N. Will-	
iams .....	3 70
Troy, S. A. Brewster.....	20 00
New Carlisle, John G. Black..	5 00
Fletcher, D. D. Cheney.....	6 00
St. Paris, John Pearson.....	4 00
Red Lion and Springboro, S.	
W. Carey.....	3 07
Lewisburg, J. M'K. Shultz....	10 00
Miamisburg, M. Dustin.....	6 25
Addison, N. H. Prince.....	3 00

Total.....\$110 52

### RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Decatur, J. C. Gregg.....	\$10 05
Georgetown, Jas. P. Porter....	10 00
Batavia, Jno. H. Leas.....	8 00
Manchester, S. N. Marsh.....	6 00
Feesburg, W. M. Boyer.....	5 50
Laurel, J. Vance.....	4 00
Amelia, L. M. Davis.....	3 35

Boston, F. Hypes.....	\$2 75
Moscow, T. J. Euans.....	1 52

Total .....\$51 17

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Central Charge, E. T. Wells...	\$92 00
Mechanicsburg, M. Kauffman..	39 60
S. Charleston, Wm. B. Moler..	12 76
New Jasper, C. H. Lawton ...	10 52
Jamestown, J. W. Mason.....	10 00
King's Creek, F. M. Clemans..	7 00
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	6 25
Mingo and Tabor, A. W. Tib-	
bits.....	6 00
High Street, S. B. Smith.....	45 40
Fremont, T. E. Fiddler.....	4 00
Union, F. S. Davis.....	40 00
Moorefield, C. W. Rishell.....	3 30
Yellow Springs, Jas. P. Shultz.	1 00
Second Charge, Urbana, Geo.	
H. Dart .....	20 00
North Lewisburg, John F.	
Loyd .....	16 85
Cedarville, M. P. Zink.....	31 55

Total.. .....\$347 23

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Greenfield, Frank G. Mitchell.	\$10 00
Wilmington, L. F. Van Cleve.	6 50
Lynchburg, D. Whitmer.....	18 55
Highland, D. L. Hayward.....	10 00
Butlerville, J. H. Davis.....	10 00
Bowersville, D. L. Aultman...	10 00
Sardinia, E. M. Cole.....	8 00
Sinking Springs, J. R. Hunter.	7 00
Clarksville, J. H. Middleton...	5 00
Leesburg, A. D. Raleigh.....	1 00
Winchester, S. W. Edmiston...	10 00
New Lexington, G. M. Edgar.	2 50
Hillsboro, L. Clark.....	9 50

Total.....\$108 05

## RECAPITULATION.

East Cincinnati District .....	\$335 15
West Cincinnati District.....	619 80
Dayton District.....	110 52
Springfield District.....	347 23
Ripley District.....	51 17
Hillsboro District.....	108 05

Total.....\$1,560 42

S. W. EDMISTON, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT ON TRACTS.

YOUR Committee are deeply impressed with the importance of scattering our excellent series of tracts and tract publications broadcast. For some cause or other, as ministers and pastors we do not give the attention to the circulation of our Church literature as in former times. We deprecate and condemn this growing evil among us, and recognize the weakness of conference reports and resolutions to effect a cure. It may be in the order of Providence that the time has come for a new departure in the entire order to carry our periodicals, books, and tracts to the hungry thousands. We are not doing the work as it ought and must be done if we meet our obligations to our people and to the masses. If our Book Agents can appoint agents to sell the Holy Bible and Ridpath's History, why not appoint agents in every district in all our conferences to relieve their overburdened shelves of our excellent publications? *Something must be done.*

*Resolved*, 1st. That we hereby pledge ourselves to take up a tract collection early in the conference year, and faithfully carry out the wise arrangement of our Discipline for the systematic and efficient distribution of our tracts and tract publications.

*Resolved*, 2d. That we especially commend to each pastor and all our people, our temperance tracts, so much needed in every community, and which contain the temperance issue in its best possible presentation.

A. BOWERS, *Chairman.*

A. U. BEALL, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TRACT SOCIETY.

### EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cincinnati: Trinity, E. Crans-	
ton.....	\$11 75
Walnut Hills, A. B. Leonard.....	12 46
Avondale, W. N. Brodbeck.....	7 00
Mt. Auburn, W. W. Case.....	1 95
East Pearl Street, J. W.	
Weakley .....	1 50
Asbury, A. Bowers.....	2 50
Mt. Washington, R. E. Smith.....	5 00
Camp Dennison, E. C. Smith.....	1 50
Madisonville, S. Bennett.....	16 75
Centenary, H. Stokes.....	50
Xenia: First Church, M. C.	
Richards.....	5 00
Total.....	\$65 91

### WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cincinnati: St. Paul, C. H.	
Payne.....	\$25 00
Cheviot, M. M. Kugler.....	2 00
Cummins ville, G. W. Hammel.....	2 00
Winton Place, J. F. Conrey.....	50
Hartwell and Carthage, H.	
Tuckley .....	3 00
Port Union, W. H. Black.....	2 00
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley,	
J. F. Hull.....	20
Bethany, R. K. Deem.....	4 00
Camden, J. S. Pumphrey.....	1 00
Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	5 00
North Bend, J. C. Boltin.....	2 00
Hamilton, T. J. Harris.....	2 00
Lockland, D. J. Starr.....	2 00
Total.....	\$50 70

### DAYTON DISTRICT.

Dayton: Grace Church, T. H.	
Pearne.....	\$9 00
Raper Chapel, W. A. Robin-	
son.....	2 00
Springborough and Red Lion,	
S. W. Carey.....	2 20
Troy, S. A. Brewster.....	4 00
Lockington, C. J. Wells.....	1 00
New Carlisle, J. G. Black.....	1 25
Fletcher Circuit, D. D. Cheney	
.....	3 00
Miamisburg, M. Dustin .....	1 45
Total.....	\$23 90

### SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Springfield: High Street, S. B.	
Smith .....	\$9 00
Central Church, E. T. Wells	
.....	1 00
Urbana: Second Church, G.	
H. Dart.....	5 00
South Charlestown, W. B.	
Moler.....	2 63
North Lewisburg, J. F. Loyd..	1 50
Catawba, B. F. January.....	2 00
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	2 60
Yellow Springs, J. P. Shultz...	5 00
New Jasper, H. Lawton.....	5 08
Jamestown, J. W. Mason.....	3 00
Mechanicsburg, M. Kauffman.	
.....	2 00
Cedarville, M. P. Zink.....	3 25
Total.....	\$42 06

### HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Hillsboro, L. Clark.....	\$4 50
Leesburg, A. D. Raleigh.....	50
Lynchburg Circuit, D. Whitmer	
.....	1 00
Greenfield, F. Mitchell.....	3 00
Highland Circuit, D. L. Hay-	
ward.....	2 20
Total.....	\$11 20

### RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Ripley, S. Weeks.....	\$5 00
Manchester, S. N. Marsh.....	3 00
Feesburg, W. M. Boyer.....	1 25
West Union, W. J. Quarry....	1 56
Georgetown, J. P. Porter.....	4 35
Amelia, S. M. Davis .....	2 50
Laurel, J. Vance.....	1 20
Total.....	\$18 86

### RECAPITULATION.

East Cincinnati District.....	\$65 91
West Cincinnati District.....	50 70
Dayton District.....	23 90
Springfield District.....	42 06
Hillsborough District.....	11 20
Ripley District.....	18 86
Total receipts.....	\$212 63

F. M. CLEMANS, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT ON FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

THIS, though the youngest, is by no means the least important of the benevolent societies of our Church. As we contemplate its past, consider its present, and anticipate its future, we are profoundly impressed with the grandeur and magnitude of the work. After aiding in its earlier history a multitude of schools of primary grade, from which have gone out hundreds of preachers and thousands of teachers, the Society is now directing its efforts mainly to schools of a higher grade. Of these we now sustain fourteen, employing sixty teachers, who are instructing and training for future usefulness over two thousand pupils. These schools are distributed among eleven Southern States, owning property estimated at over two hundred thousand dollars, and are, directly and indirectly, influencing, physically, intellectually, morally, and civilly, a large portion of those so recently emancipated. About four-fifths of those educated in these schools are engaging in preaching and teaching, and by this two-fold agency rapidly overcoming the degradation, ignorance, and immorality of these hitherto neglected and downtrodden people. Truly this desert is beginning to bud and blossom as the rose. Then our Church is largely responsible, in the providence of God, for carrying forward this indispensable work. That she recognizes this responsibility is evinced in her increased material support; her contributions to this cause in the past two years increasing, whilst nearly every other has declined, and aggregating, last year, over eighty-six thousand dollars, and that amount from a few over half the charges of the several conferences. Of these the Cincinnati is the banner conference, contributing, last year, nearly twice the amount of any other. We commend this Society to the warm sympathy, fervent prayers, and liberal material support of our people.

Your Committee recommend for adoption the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That during the next year we will faithfully examine and present the claims and needs of the Freedmen's Aid Society to our several charges, and by example as well as precept, use every endeavor to raise the apportionment to our several charges.

D. WHITMER, *Secretary*.

M. A. RICHARDS, *Chairman*.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

### EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Wesley Chapel, W. I. Fee.....	\$19 50	Pendleton, A. Gilruth.....	.....
Trinity, Earl Cranston.....	357 75	Madisonville, Silas Bennett....	\$75 05
Asbury, A. Bowers.....	30 00	Mt. Washington, R. E. Smith..	8 00
Pearl Street, J. W. Weakley...	24 20	Camp Dennison, E. C. Smith..	8 00
Mt. Auburn, W. W. Case.....	14 45	Milford, T. D. W. Peak.....	2 45
Walnut Hills, A. B. Leonard...	83 72	Centenary, Henry Stokes.....	75
Grace Church, W. N. Brodbeck	15 75	Loveland and Mainsville, H. C.	
M'Kendree, Edward M'Hugh.	132 00	Middleton.....	13 85
City Mission, H. D. Fisher.....	.....	Lebanon, J. N. Irvin.....	20 00
Columbia, J. W. Gaddis.....	5 00	South Lebanon and Zoar, F.	
		Eastman.....	.....
		Goshen, Wesley S. Rae.....	5 00

Morrow, B. F. Dimmick.....	\$4 00
Waynesville, Chas. Ferguson..	15 00
New Burlington, W. B. Jackson..	.....
Xenia: First Church, M. A. Richards.....	51 50
Trinity. G. C. Crum.....	19 10
Miami Circuit, C. H. Kalbfus..	5 00
Total.....	\$909 57

## WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

St. Paul, C. H. Payne.....	\$300 00
St. John's, Wm. Runyan..	.....
Christie, James Murray.....	27 00
Finley, J. S. Whitney.....	.....
York Street, A. N. Spahr.....	.....
M'Lean, Wm. Young.....	.....
Fairmount and Camp Washington, Jonathan Verity....	5 00
Cummins ville, G. M. Hammel	2 00
West Union and Asbury, D. R. Baker.....	50 00
Winton Place, J. F. Conrey...	10 00
Hartwell and Carthage, Henry Tuckley.....	.....
Lockland, D. J. Starr.....	64 00
Port Union, W. H. Black.....	10 00
Cheviot, Matthias M. Kugler...	18 00
Bethany, R. K. Decm.....	1 00
Hamilton, T. J. Harris.....	8 00
Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	10 00
Venice, Chas. Kalbfus.....	6 25
Harrison, John Wilson.....	6 35
North Bend, J. C. Boltin.....	3 00
Eaton, Thos. Collett.....	.....
Camden, J. S. Pumphrey.....	15 00
Seven Mile, Ed. Burdsall.....	10 00
New Paris, J. J. Hill.....	.....
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley, J. F. Hull.....	5 00
Macedonia .....	.....
Total.....	\$540 60

## DAYTON DISTRICT.

Dayton: Grace Church, T. H. Pearnc.....	\$179 25
Raper, W. A. Robinson.....	33 00
Sears Chapel and Ebenezer, J. P. Nine.....	3 20
Davisson Chapel, W. N. Williams.....	.....
Troy: Mulberry Street, S. A. Brewster.....	23 00
Second Street.....	.....
Tippecanoe, C. F. Gowdy.....	.....
Addison, Nathan Prince.....	3 00
Concord, C. T. Crum.....	.....
Lewisburg, J. M'K. Shultz.....	1 00

Germantown and Winchester, G. L. Travis.....	.....
Piqua: Green Street, J. F. Marlay.....	\$10 00
Grace Church, W. Q. Shannon.....	1 00
Lockington, C. J. Wells.....	5 55
Fletcher, D. D. Cheney.....	8 00
St. Paris and Lena, John Pearson.....	10 00
Brant, Davis W. Clark.....	3 50
Miamisburg, Mighil Dustin....	6 50
Franklin, by the Church.....	7 90
By G. W. Kelley, pastor....	10 00
Red Lion and Springboro, J. W. Carey.....	.....
Fairfield, G. H. Kennedy.....	6 00
New Carlisle, J. G. Black.....	7 45
Middletown, W. H. Sutherland .....	.....
Monroe, A. U. Beall.....	5 00
Total.....	\$323 35

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Springfield: Central Church, E. T. Wells.....	\$89 00
High Street, S. B. Smith....	60 00
Urbana: First Church, S. D. Clayton .....	10 00
Second Church, G. H. Dart..	28 00
King's Creek Circuit, F. M. Clemans .....	5 00
Mingo and Tabor, A. W. Tibbits.....	10 00
North Lewisburg, J. F. Loyd..	13 25
East Liberty, W. H. Smith....	7 45
Tremont, T. E. Fiddler.....	2 00
Mechanicsburg, Michael Kauffman.....	30 00
Catawba, B. F. January.....	5 00
Moorefield, C. W. Rishell.....	9 50
South Charleston, W. B. Moler	20 76
Yellow Springs, J. P. Shultz...	4 50
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	2 00
Jamestown, J. W. Mason.....	8 00
Union Charge, F. S. Davis.....	10 00
Cedarville, M. P. Zink.....	5 35
New Jasper, C. H. Lawton....	7 50
Total.....	\$327 31

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Hillsboro, Lucien Clark.....	\$18 00
Greenfield, F. G. Mitchell.....	10 00
New Lexington, G. M. Edgar..	1 00
Leesburg, A. D. Raleigh.....	1 00
Highland, D. L. Hayward.....	5 70
Sinking Springs, J. R. Hunter. ....	.....
Wilmington, L. F. Van Cleve.	6 20

Bowersville, D. L. Aultman...	\$5 00
Clarksville, J. H. Middleton...	2 00
Lynchburg, David Whitmer...	13 95
Sardinia, E. W. Cole.....	.....
Winchester, S. W. Edmiston...	4 00
Butlerville, William Mahon....	10 15
Total.....	\$76 00

## RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Ripley, S. Weeks.....	\$11 75
Felicity, H. M. Keck.....	.....
Georgetown, J. P. Porter.....	9 00
New Richmond, A. Hamilton..	5 00
Decatur, J. L. Gregg.....	10 05
Manchester, S. N. Marsh.....	10 00

Moscow, T. J. Euans.....	\$1 20
Laurel, John Vance.....	3 00
Amelia, L. M. Davis.....	2 06
Batavia, John H. Leas.....	7 00
Boston, Fletcher Hypes.....	2 00
Williamsburg, Henry Miller...	.....
Marathon, W. T. M'Mullen...	.....
Bethel, W. F. Mappin.....	.....
Feesburg, W. M. Boyer.....	5 00
West Union, W. J. Quarry....	3 00

Total.....\$69 06

**Grand Total.....\$2,245 89**JOHN H. LEAS, *Treasurer.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF EPISCOPAL FUNDS.

## EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Waynesville, C. Ferguson.....	\$2 00
M'Kendree, Cin'ti, E. M'Hugh..	15 00
Loveland, H. C. Middleton.....	6 00
Mt. Auburn, W. W. Case.....	10 00
Mt. Washington, R. E. Smith...	15 00
Milford, T. DeWitt Peak.....	1 25
Trinity, Cincinnati, E. Cranston	80 00
East Pearl Street, Cincinnati, J.	
W. Weakley.....	4 10
Avondale, W. N. Brodbeck.....	29 50
Asbury, Cincinnati, A. Bowers..	20 00
Madisonville, S. Bennett.....	10 00
Camp Dennison, E. C. Smith....	5 00
Goshen, W. S. Rae.....	10 00
Lebanon, J. N. Irvin.....	15 00
Morrow, B. F. Dimmick.....	4 50
Xenia: First Church, M. A.	
Richards.....	14 75
Trinity, G. C. Crum.....	10 00
Total.....	\$252 10

## WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Eaton, T. Collett.....	\$16 00
Lockland, D. J. Starr.....	18 70
St. Paul's, Cin'ti, C. H. Payne...	75 00
York Street, A. Spahr.....	10 75
Hamilton, T. J. Harris.....	6 00
Harrison, J. Wilson.....	3 00
Venice, C. Kalbfus.....	4 00
Bethany, R. K. Deem.....	5 00
Winton Place, J. F. Conrey.....	2 00
Fair Haven, J. F. Hull.....	1 60
Camden, J. S. Pumphrey.....	10 00
Hartwell, H. Tuckley.....	10 00
Union and Asbury, D. R. Baker	10 00

Oxford, D. C. Vance.....	\$5 50
Finley, Cincinnati, J. S. Whit-	
ney.....	2 00
Seven-mile, E. Burdsall.....	6 00
Cummins ville, G. M. Hammel...	5 00

Total.....\$190 55

## DAYTON DISTRICT.

Raper, Dayton, W. A. Robinson.	\$15 00
Grace Church, T. Pearne.....	17 20
Red Lion and Springboro, S.W.	
Carey.....	4 36
Lewisburg, J. M'K. Shultz.....	5 00
Troy, S. A. Brewster.....	10 00
New Carlisle, J. G. Black.....	4 81
Tippecanoe, C. F. Gowdy.....	2 00
Miamisburg, M. Dustin.....	10 60
Middletown, W. H. Sutherland.	3 00
Franklin, G. W. Kelley.....	2 00
Monroe, A. U. Beall.....	3 50
Addison, N. H. Prince.....	5 00

Total.....\$82 47

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

High Street, Springfield, S. B.	
Smith.....	\$32 00
Central, Springfield, E. T. Wells	11 50
Jamestown, J. W. Mason.....	14 71
Mechanicsburg, M. Kauffman...	6 00
Yellow Springs, J. P. Shultz....	2 00
South Charleston, W. B. Moler.	3 88
Tremont, T. E. Fiddler.....	5 40
New Jasper, C. H. Lawton.....	3 00
Old Town, A. M. Griffith.....	3 25
Mingo and Tabor, A. W. Tibbits.	5 00

King's Creek, F. M. Clemans....	\$8 00
Catawba, B. F. January.....	5 00
East Liberty, W. H. Smith.....	5 50
Urbana: Second C'h, G. H. Dart	18 00
Moorefield, C. W. Rishell.....	3 35
Cedarville, M. P. Zink.....	6 88
North Lewisburg, J. F. Loyd....	6 82
Total.....	\$140 29

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Hillsboro, L. Clark.....	\$16 75
Wilmington, L. F. Van Cleve..	11 71
Clarksville, J. H. Middleton....	5 00
Sardinia, E. M. Cole.....	2 20
Lynchburg, D. Whitmer.....	3 00
Highland, D. L. Hayward.....	5 50
Butlerville, W. Mahon.....	7 00
Greenfield, F. G. Mitchell.....	6 00
Winchester, S. W. Edmiston....	5 00
Total.....	\$62 16

## RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Laurel, J. Vance.....	\$9 00
Batavia, J. H. Leas .....	10 00

Boston, F. W. Hypes.....	\$8 00
New Richmond, A. Hamilton...	3 00
Amelia, L. M. Davis.....	4 31
Ripley, S. Weeks.....	4 35
West Union, W. J. Quarry.....	7 00
Feesburg, W. A. Boyer.....	8 00
Georgetown, J. P. Porter.....	6 00
Moscow, T. J. Euans.....	1 45
Manchester, S. N. Marsh.....	6 00
Total.....	\$67 11

## RECAPITULATION.

East Cincinnati District.....	\$252 10
West Cincinnati District.....	190 55
Dayton District.....	82 47
Springfield District.....	140 29
Ripley District.....	67 11
Hillsboro District.....	62 16

Total.....	\$794 68
Last year.....	1,062 70

Decrease.....\$268 02

THOMAS COLLETT, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

THE Committee on Temperance have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the resolutions of the last General Conference :

1. *Resolved*, That we are unalterably opposed to the importation, manufacture, and sale of all kinds of distilled, fermented, and vinous liquors designed to be used as a beverage; and that it is the duty of every member of the Christian Church to discountenance and oppose the evil at all times by voice and vote.

2. *Resolved*, That we earnestly protest against the members of our Church giving countenance to the liquor traffic, by voting to grant license to sell either distilled or fermented or vinous liquors, or renting property to be used as the place in or on which to manufacture or sell such intoxicating liquors.

3. *Resolved*, That we are fully convinced of the wisdom and absolute need of total legal prohibition.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend the organization of juvenile temperance societies in all our charges and Sunday-schools.

5. *Resolved*, That we recognize the necessity of healthy temperance literature, and therefore recommend the publications of the National Temperance Association of New York to the patronage of our people and Sunday-schools.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend the use of none but pure, unfermented juice of the grape on our sacramental occasions.

7. *Resolved*, That we gratefully recognize and heartily commend the ministry of the gifted and godly women of the Churches in the work of temperance, and in their holy crusade against the liquor traffic.

In pursuance with your instructions your Committee, having considered the relation of malt liquors to the temperance reform, report as follows:

During the past quarter of a century the increase in the production of malt liquors in our country has been unprecedented, rising from 1,179,495 barrels in 1850 to 8,880,629 barrels in 1874; this business now employs in the twenty-six hundred breweries about three times as many hands and four times as much capital as the seven hundred distilleries; to meet its demand for grain 1,580,626 acres of barley were raised and over six million bushels imported; its traffic has brought to our country the beer saloon, beer hall, and beer garden, with all their demoralizing customs and tendencies; its influence in our society and upon our politics is evident and manifestly pernicious; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we call the prayerful attention of our membership to the growing magnitude and increasing evils of the malt liquor interest, and to the necessity of discouraging, in every proper way, the production, sale, and use of malt liquors.

2. *Resolved*, That, inasmuch as the barley crop is almost wholly used in the manufacture of these liquors, we caution our members against such participation in the evil as is involved in the product of this grain.

3. *Resolved*, That legal measures for the repression of intemperance can not be effective until they prohibit the traffic in malt as well as distilled liquors.

S. D. CLAYTON, *Chairman*.

A. W. TIBBITS, *Secretary*.

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## REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

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THE Sabbath law imposed at creation and renewed on Mt. Sinai is yet unrepealed. Its sanctions are as sacred and weighty as those which forbid murder or adultery. In the early times men's waywardness and rebellion made it necessary that God should hedge the Sabbath about with strong guards. In spite of this his own people, again and again, like a willful child refusing wholesome and needed restraint, turned away from keeping God's Sabbath. The chastisements which God repeatedly administered upon them for Sabbath desecration are quite too much disregarded.

The Savior's statement, "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath," and his examples as to the Fourth Commandment, as well as his comments upon it, in no sense annul it. They only reaffirm the law with clearer light shining upon it, and with an added emphasis for its faithful keeping.

That the law admits of works of mercy and of necessity does not make the exceptions the rule. These exceptions existed from the beginning. They were not introduced and established by Christ. He simply announced them and recognized them as coeval with the law.

The change of the special day from the seventh to the first by the example and authority of the Great Law-giver, neither abrogates nor annuls the law of the Sabbath. Like all other precepts of the moral code, its observance is essential to man's highest welfare as to all parts of his being. To lower the claims of the Sabbath law, to construe it away by pleading the paramount scope of the exceptions, is to strike a deadly blow at its beneficent purposes and tendencies. This is amply shown by example. Rationalistic Germany, skeptical, pleasure-loving France, and papal Spain, each of which is without a Sabbath, in contrast with Sabbath-keeping nations, as Great Britain, Switzerland, and the United States, show that in Sabbath-keeping are thrift, order, civilization, and a pure religion, while skepticism, dissipation, and demoralization result from Sabbath desecration and disregard.

Human tendency unchecked is ever inclined to Sabbath-breaking, both by individuals and masses. This evil is enhanced just now in our midst by the presence of multitudes who have imported from foreign lands their Sabbath amusements. Hence the necessity that the Church shall insist upon the supreme claims of the Sabbath; and also that the Christian State shall protect every citizen in the reasonable enjoyment and use of the Sabbath.

As pastors, therefore, and as Christians, we raise a note of warning against the growing disregard and violation of the holy Sabbath. We reckon as such violation, pleasure riding, traveling, and excursions on the Sabbath; the running of Sunday trains and steamboats; patronizing Sunday newspapers; Sunday visiting and picnics; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we disapprove of public amusements, parades, and festivities on the Sabbath; and also of the opening of art halls, public libraries, and county, State, national, and world's fairs on the Sabbath.

2. *Resolved*, That we recognize with gratitude to Almighty God the action of the Commissioners of the Centennial Exposition in refusing to open the Exposition on the Lord's day.

3. *Resolved*, That the civil authority is under weighty obligation to wisely enforce existing Sabbath laws.

4. *Resolved*, That we will preach once a year in all our principal congregations on the proper observance of the Sabbath.

5. *Resolved*, That we will, kindly and prayerfully, but also firmly and faithfully, insist upon the proper observance of the holy Sabbath by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church under our pastoral care.

6. *Resolved*, That we discountenance and condemn the holding of camp-meetings on the Sabbath day, except with closed gates and the suspension of secular and financial business.

M. KAUFFMAN, *Secretary*.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, *Chairman*.

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### REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

AT the General Conference of 1836 the American Bible Society was adopted as the Bible Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has been ever since that time recognized and commended, both by General

and Annual Conferences, as one of the regular causes for which annual collections should be taken in all our Churches. The far-reaching benevolence of the Society, and the great benefit realized from it, both in the domestic and foreign field of Church activity, eminently entitles it to, and demands our most cheerful and liberal support.

For the past fifteen years a member of this Conference, Rev. W. Herr, has represented and superintended the interests of the cause in the southern part of Ohio, embracing within his district the Ohio, Cincinnati, and parts of North Ohio, Central Ohio, and East Ohio Conferences. And now, that this superintendency of the Bible work is about to cease, it is due to his eminently laborious and efficient service that a record of results should be made. It is, therefore, with pleasure, that we commend to the attention of the Conference, and our people generally, the following extract from his Annual Report to the Parent Society for the year ending March, 1876.

"It is now fifteen years since I entered the Bible work, nearly nine years of that time in the south-western district of Ohio, the balance in the district of Southern Ohio; and it may be interesting, instructive, and encouraging to know what a noble work for God and humanity has been accomplished within that period. The following tabular statement will furnish the facts:

#### SUMMARY OF BIBLE WORK FROM 1861 TO 1876.

Auxiliaries visited and Bible meetings held.....	1,662
Bible sermons and addresses delivered.....	1,987
Letters and documents on Bible business sent out.....	44,803
Miles traveled on Bible business.....	78,629
Families visited by self, county, and local agents.....	369,413
Families found destitute of the Bible.....	33,426
Families supplied by sale and donation.....	25,691
Books distributed.....	298,643
Books furnished to volunteers during the war.....	68,475
Books furnished to National Soldiers' Home, Dayton.....	1,600
Books furnished to Soldiers' Orphans' Home, Xenia.....	200
Sabbath-schools supplied.....	431
Books furnished to railroads for passenger cars.....	300
Total receipts from the district during agency.....	\$399,963.31

"The light of eternity must unfold the moral and religious achievements of this noble work. May God's gracious favor ever be vouchsafed to this Society!"

We recommend to the Conference for adoption the following resolution:

1. *Resolved*, That we will continue to co-operate with the American Bible Society in her benevolent work, commend it to our Churches for a liberal support, take up a regular annual collection for the cause, and report the same at our next Conference for publication in the Minutes.

2. *Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the services of Rev. W. Herr as agent of the American Bible Society for so many years, that we regret his retirement from that agency, and that we welcome his return to the pastoral work.

W. HERR, *Chairman*.

J. S. WHITNEY, *Secretary*.

### REPORT ON PARSONAGES.

RESOLVED, 1. That the presiding elders of all our districts be, and are hereby, requested to ascertain the condition of the various parsonages on their respective districts, and where repairs or improvements are necessary, to bring the matter before the quarterly conferences, urging immediate attention to the same, and where parsonages are lacking, to call attention to the importance of procuring them.

*Resolved*, 2. That we deem it the manifest duty of all our brethren occupying parsonages to see to it that they are kept in good repair, beautified with shade-trees and shrubbery, and utilized with fruit-trees and every available convenience. S. A. BREWSTER, *Chairman*.

A. M. GRIFFITH, *Secretary*.

### REPORT ON FINANCE.

YOUR Committee on Finance submit the following report :

In view of the fact that the financial interests of the Church of God are second only to her spiritual interests, the former always greatly affecting the latter, and in view of the fact that so many of our people are so poorly informed, and, therefore, fail to have a just appreciation of the great importance of this subject, we recommend—

1. That our preachers and intelligent laymen labor to instruct our people, and by all proper means enforce upon them their financial obligations to God and to his cause.

2. That as far as practicable a uniform financial plan be adopted by all our charges and societies.

3. That, to approximate this uniformity of plan, let the steward or stewards, assisted by two or more judicious members of the charge or society, apportion each member his just proportion of the amount to be raised, and then, publicly or privately, as may be deemed best, get each member to accept his apportionment or any other just amount, and also solicit from each attendant on the Church services, who is not a member of the Church contributions for the support of the Gospel.

4. That the steward or stewards secure as far as possible weekly, monthly, or at farthest quarterly payments of these assessments and subscriptions, or, wherever it is at all practical, adopt the envelope system, and make a quarterly and an annual report to the charge or society of all of the moneys received and expended.

5. That the quarterly conferences elect such men for stewards as will, as far as possible, carry out this plan.

6. That, in view of the comparatively meagre support hitherto received by a large majority of our preachers, notwithstanding the financial stringency of the times, lest the cause of God suffer and God be dishonored, the estimating committees, quarterly conferences, and district stewards make our preachers and presiding elders as liberal allowances as the circumstances will admit of.

7. That all our pastors, as soon as practicable, have this report read

and adopted by their various charges, and that the presiding elders present it for adoption to the first quarterly conference in each charge.

J. P. SHULTZ, *Secretary*.

J. W. WEAKLEY, *Chairman*.

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## REPORT ON BOOK CONCERN AND PERIODICALS.

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WE, your Committee, have given the degree of attention which the hurry of a conference session permits to the subjects referred to us, and have carefully examined the "exhibit" of the Methodist Book Concern, which has been placed in our hands. Although we speak of them separately—the books and periodicals,—nevertheless, each forms an essential part of our Church system, by which we aim to give to the people placed under our pastoral care a sound religious literature, and to furnish ministers and others such specifically theological works as may be required in their respective callings.

Although the wisdom of this mode of publication has been seriously questioned by some prudent and candid members of our communion, and although it may be attended with some embarrassments, and liable to abuse, we congratulate ourselves and the Church upon the practical fact that all serious evils have hitherto been avoided, and a marked and gratifying success attained. The Book Concern at Cincinnati has been managed with such prudence and skill that it has earned for itself, and continues to maintain, a first-class business reputation; while its issues are of the highest moral and religious character, and are greatly beneficial in promoting the work of God, by educating, refining, and Christianizing those persons into whose hands they are placed. And we are persuaded that efforts to circulate our books and periodicals ought to be renewed with all the zeal of other years, as an efficient and necessary check to the merely secular, immoral, and skeptical literature that constantly presses itself upon the attention of the people through the daily and weekly papers and the monthly and quarterly periodicals of both Europe and America.

If errors occurred in the financial management (which, however, is problematical), they were the errors that merely human imperfection and insufficient or impossible foresight permitted to encumber a genuine zeal and earnest effort to better serve the Church by more efficiently promoting its well-planned enterprises. And it is neither wise nor in accord with the interests which we all have deeply at heart to severely criticise the management or slacken the support we owe to our publishing interests. Such a course is calculated to weaken our own hands and work mischief, while it also embarrasses our brethren who have in their charge this great agency.

The large aggregate of \$319,467.07 of outstanding accounts at the Western Concern, \$178,647.54 of which is due at Cincinnati, is the exponent of one of the greatest evils which besets us; and leads to the fear that the management has been more lenient than the preachers were entitled to expect, or is safe for the business of the house. Any one can see how unpleasant a task it must be for the agents and editors to urge

upon the preachers (many of whom are paid very meagre salaries) the necessary promptness in their settlements. Hence we, in our Conference capacity, would most earnestly and affectionately urge our brethren to not fail, except by reason of extreme necessity, to settle all their accounts, according to the published and clearly defined conditions named in the circulars and catalogues of the Book Concern.

### Periodicals.

While we part with our cherished favorite, the *Ladies' Repository*, with regret, we accept with hope the more masculine Phoenix which is rising from her ashes; yet we are forced to the conviction that, if the Eastern conferences had supported the *Repository* as liberally as the Western, the necessity for its discontinuance would not have existed. In the year 1875, only two thousand nine hundred and fifty copies of this journal were taken from the Concern in New York, while twelve thousand five hundred were issued from the Western; a result which was hardly to be expected, although the editors, for the last twenty-eight years, have all been selected from Eastern conferences, and the periodical issued simultaneously from both houses, and was equally without a rival in either field.

We also feel deeply impressed with the importance of such a work as that which has been projected under the provisions of our last General Conference, and which they placed under the editorial control of the acknowledged Nestor of Methodist journalism in America, Rev. Daniel Curry, D. D., and christened by the Book Committee "*The National Repository*." And we trust that, in the midst of much that is positively bad, more that is mixed, and little that is religiously pure in this field, the journal promised may stand a literary peer of the best, and in its religious character shine as "a light in a dark place," and in its influence become as "a tree whose leaves are for the healing of the nations."

Of the excellence of the *Western Christian Advocate*, the painstaking industry of its editor, Rev. F. S. Hoyt, D. D., and the good judgment which characterizes its general management, under the molding hands of himself and his efficient assistant, Rev. J. J. Hight, D. D., we bear a cheerful testimony, and earnestly urge our people to give it their cordial and unflinching support.

The *Golden Hours*, too, on account of its healthful and unexceptional Christian character, able management, and many good qualities, deserves a far more hearty and extended patronage by the youth of our own Church; and we also recommend it as eminently worthy the public confidence, and of a general circulation.

The acknowledged ability with which the *Methodist Quarterly Review* is conducted by Rev. Daniel Whedon, D. D., and by which a realization of perfection, in this particular department, is more nearly attained than by any similar publication in the country, commends it to all our people, and gives it peculiar claims upon the preachers, to whom such a work is almost indispensable.

G. C. CRUM,  
J. P. PORTER,

L. F. VAN CLEVE,  
D. D. CHENEY,  
J. F. MARLAY.

**TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

APPOINTMENTS.	SABBATH SCHOOL.	CONGREGATION.	TOTAL.
<b>EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.</b>			
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel, by Rev. W. I. Fee.....		\$315 78	\$315 78
Trinity, by Rev. E. Cranston.....	\$405 00	300 00	705 00
Asbury, by Rev. A. Bowers.....		207 57	207 57
Pearl Street, by Rev. J. W. Weakley.....	35 31	64 69	100 00
Mt. Auburn, by Rev. W. W. Case.....	40 71	70 65	111 36
Walnut Hills, by Rev. A. B. Leonard.....	268 44	416 61	685 05
Grace Church, by Rev. W. N. Brodbeck.....	63 01	143 00	206 01
M'Kendree, by Rev. E. M'Hugh.....	53 80	211 38	265 18
City Mission, by Rev. Fisher.....			
Columbia, by Rev. J. W. Gaddis.....	11 06	23 94	35 00
Pendleton, by Rev. A. Gilruth.....		14 00	14 00
Madisonville, by Rev. S. Bennett.....	151 58	153 42	305 00
Mt. Washington, by Rev. R. E. Smith.....	30 00	45 00	75 00
Camp Dennison, by Rev. E. C. Smith.....	10 00	33 00	43 00
Milford, by Rev. T. D. W. Peak.....		11 25	11 25
Centenary, by Rev. H. Stokes.....		26 14	26 14
Loveland and Mainville, by Rev. H. C. Middleton.....	18 50	5 00	23 50
Lebanon, by Rev. J. N. Irvin.....	25 00	135 00	160 00
South Lebanon and Zoar, by Rev. W. F. Eastman.....		10 00	10 00
Goshen.....		37 40	37 40
Morrow, by Rev. B. F. Dimmick.....			10 00
Waynesville, by Rev. C. Ferguson.....	64 00	86 00	150 00
New Burlington, by Rev. W. B. Jackson.....		59 70	59 70
Xenia: First Church, by Rev. M. A. Richards...	128 22	89 00	217 22
Trinity, by Rev. Geo. C. Crum.....	13 71	110 34	124 05
Miami Circuit, by Rev. C. H. Kalbfus.....		66 11	66 11
Total.....			\$3,963 35
<b>WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.</b>			
Cincinnati: St. Paul, by Rev. C. H. Payne.....	\$641 99	\$1,075 36	\$1,717 35
St. John's, by Rev. W. Runyan.....	8 00	22 00	30 00
Christie, by Rev. J. Murray.....		282 35	282 35
Finley, by Rev. J. S. Whitney.....		24 00	24 00
York Street, by Rev. A. N. Spahr.....	16 53	45 47	62 00
M'Lean, by Rev. W. Young.....			5 00
Fairmount, by Rev. J. Verity.....		35 00	35 00
Cumminsville, by Rev. G. H. Hammel.....	1 23	13 97	15 20
West Union and Asbury, by Rev. D. R. Baker...		115 25	115 25
Winton Place, by Rev. J. F. Conrey.....	75 76	9 24	85 00
Hartwell and Carthage, by Rev. H. Tuckley.....		124 00	124 00
Lockland, by Rev. D. J. Starr.....	37 22	389 25	426 47
Cheviot, by Rev. M. M. Kugler.....			50 00
Bethany, by Rev. R. K. Deem.....		24 00	24 00
Hamilton, by Rev. T. J. Harris.....		225 00	225 00
Oxford, by Rev. D. C. Vance.....	33 00	167 00	200 00
Venice, by Rev. C. Kalbfus.....		57 40	57 40
Harrison, by Rev. J. Wilson.....			43 85

APPOINTMENTS.	SABBATH SCHOOL.	CONGREGA- TION.	TOTAL.
North Bend, by Rev. J. C. Boltin.....		\$25 00	\$25 00
Eaton, by Rev. T. Collett.....	\$62 00	96 87	158 87
Camden, by Rev. J. S. Pumphrey.....		41 50	41 50
Seven Mile, by Rev. E. Burdsall.....	10 00	45 00	55 00
New Paris, by Rev. J. J. Hill.....		6 50	6 50
Fair Haven and Sugar Valley, by Rev. J. F. Hull.....	2 89	22 91	25 80
Total.....			\$3,834 54
DAYTON DISTRICT.			
Dayton: Grace Church, by Rev. T. H. Pearne...	\$546 13	\$298 01	\$754 14
Raper, by Rev. W. A. Robinson.....	256 00	161 10	417 10
Sears Chapel and Ebenezer, by Rev. J. P. Nine		36 35	36 35
Davisson Chapel, by Rev. W. N. Williams.....			10 53
Troy: Mulberry Street, by Rev. S. A. Brewster.	57 00	126 02	183 02
Tippecanoe, by Rev. C. F. Gowdy.....		6 05	6 05
Addison, by Rev. N. Prince.....		53 00	53 00
Concord, by Rev. C. T. Crum.....		20 00	20 00
Lewisburg, by Rev. J. M'K. Shultz.....		40 00	40 00
Germantown and Winchester, by Rev. G. L Travis.....			
Piqua: Green Street, by Rev. J. F. Marlay.....			180 00
Grace Church, by Rev. W. Q. Shannon.....			16 00
Lockington, by Rev. C. J. Wells.....		50 00	50 00
Fletcher, by Rev. D. D. Cheney.....			28 00
St. Paris and Lena, by Rev. J. Pearson.....		61 40	61 40
Brant, by Rev. D. W. Clark.....		30 00	30 00
Miamisburg, by Rev. M. Dustin.....	20 00	60 00	80 10
Franklin, by Rev. G. W. Kelley.....		52 00	52 00
Red Lion and Springboro, by Rev. J. W. Carey.		73 25	73 25
Fairfield, by Rev. G. H. Kennedy.....			28 35
New Carlisle, by Rev. J. G. Black.....	10 56	75 94	86 60
Middletown, by Rev. W. H. Sutherland.....	18 45	81 55	100 00
Monroe, by Rev. A. U. Beall.....	38 75	61 25	100 00
Total.....			\$2,405 89
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.			
Springfield: Central Church, by Rev. E. T. Wells.....	\$138 61	\$344 39	\$483 00
High Street, by Rev. S. B. Smith.....	162 82	197 40	360 22
Urbana: First Church, by Rev. S. D. Clayton...	150 00	208 10	358 10
Second Church, by Rev. G. H. Dart.....	30 00	312 00	342 00
King's Creek Circuit, by Rev. F. M. Clemans....	49 79	142 27	192 06
Mingo and Tabor, by Rev. A. W. Tibbits .....		62 50	62 50
North Lewisburg, by Rev. J. F. Loyd.....	16 27	103 65	119 92
East Liberty, by Rev. W. H. Smith.....	42 50		42 50
Tremont, by Rev. T. E. Fiddler .....		53 00	53 00
Mechanicsburg, by Rev. M. Kauffman .....	16 55	157 90	174 45
Catawba, by Rev. B. F. January.....		75 00	75 00
Moorefield, by Rev. C. W. Rishell.....	8 95	40 00	48 95
South Charleston, by Rev. W. B. Moler.....	49 35	171 90	221 25
Yellow Springs, by Rev. J. P. Shultz .....	25 36	28 75	54 11
Old Town, by Rev. A. M. Griffith .....	4 95	23 05	28 00
Jamestown, by Rev. J. W. Mason.....	56 40	51 65	108 05
Union, by Rev. F. S. Davis.....	4 40	223 60	228 00

APPOINTMENTS.	SABBATH SCHOOL.	CONGREGA- TION.	TOTAL.
Cedarville, by Rev. M. P. Zink.....	\$2 10	\$71 25	\$73 35
Jasper, by Rev. C. H. Lawton.....	1 00	120 50	121 50
Total.....			\$3,145 96
<b>HILLSBORO DISTRICT.</b>			
Hillsboro, by Rev. L. Clark.....	\$134 94	\$136 00	\$270 94
Greenfield, by Rev. F. G. Mitchell.....		107 58	107 58
New Lexington, by Rev. G. M. Edgar.....			61 10
Leesburg, by Rev. A. D. Raleigh.....	6 50	43 50	50 00
Highland, by Rev. D. L. Hayward.....		164 00	164 00
Sinking Springs, by Rev. J. R. Hunter.....			76 20
Wilmington, by Rev. L. F. Van Cleve.....	40 00	35 75	75 75
Bowersville, by Rev. D. L. Aultman.....			50 00
Clarksville, by Rev. J. H. Middleton.....	10 00	75 00	85 00
Lynchburg, by Rev. D. Whitmer.....			83 55
Sardinia, by Rev. E. M. Cole.....			48 50
Winchester, by Rev. S. W. Edmiston.....	18 65	60 84	79 49
Butlerville, by Rev. W. Mahon.....		72 65	72 65
Total.....			\$1,224 76
<b>RIPLEY DISTRICT.</b>			
Ripley, by Rev. S. Weeks.....	\$16 67	\$112 98	\$129 65
Felicity, by Rev. H. M. Keck.....			40 00
Georgetown, by Rev. J. P. Porter.....	10 00	50 00	60 00
New Richmond, by Rev. A. Hamilton.....		20 00	20 00
Decatur, by Rev. J. L. Gregg.....		121 55	121 55
Manchester, by Rev. S. N. Marsh.....	25 00	35 00	60 00
Moscow, by Rev. T. J. Euans.....			16 00
Laurel, by Rev. J. Vance.....			81 00
Amelia, by Rev. L. M. Davis.....		42 00	42 00
Batavia, by Rev. J. H. Leas.....	8 00	42 00	50 00
Boston, by Rev. F. Hypes.....	8 67	47 39	56 06
Williamsburg, by Rev. H. Miller.....		15 00	15 00
Marathon, by Rev. W. T. M'Mullen.....		13 25	13 25
Feesburg, by Rev. W. M. Boyer.....		80 00	80 00
West Union, by Rev. W. J. Quarry.....		56 15	56 15
Total.....			\$840 66

**Bequests.**

Interest on Bequest of Thomas Robertson, by L. M. Davis, of Amelia Circuit.....	\$145 00
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**Recapitulation.**

East Cincinnati District.....	\$3,963 35
West Cincinnati District.....	3,834 54
Dayton District.....	2,405 89
Springfield District.....	3,145 96
Hillsboro District.....	1,224 76
Ripley District.....	840 66
Total from Districts.....	\$15,415 16
Bequests.....	145 00
Grand Total.....	\$15,560 16

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Paid for Publishing report in Minutes.....	\$25 00
Paid L. Hitchcock, as per receipts.....	4,126 35
Paid L. Hitchcock, cash.....	11,358 81
Note of D. E. M'Sherry, ninety days.....	50 00
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	\$15,560 16

J. F. CONREY, *Treasurer.***ABSTRACT**

of the Treasurer's Report of the Preachers' Relief Society of the  
Cincinnati Conference, September 1, 1876.

**CAPITAL STOCK.**

Loan notes secured by mortgages on real estate and good personal security.....	\$14,148 97
The Roberts mortgage.....	300 00
Annual subscription of members.....	88 00
Five life members made at the anniversary of \$10 each.	50 00
Basket collection at the anniversary.....	12 50
Donation by Dr. J. F. Wright.....	100 00
Cash on hand.....	185 00
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Total .....	\$14,884 47

**DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**

Interest due up to this date.....	\$603 00
Paid to claimants as per order of the Board.....	444 82
Added to the capital stock when collected.....	158 12

WM. YOUNG, *Treasurer.***REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.**

HAVING been appointed to examine the accounts of the Committee appointed at the last session to publish the Conference Minutes, we have done so, and find the accounts minutely kept and entirely satisfactory.

A. U. BEALL, } *Committee.*  
E. P. JAMES, }

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE PAPER OF REV.  
WM. HERR.**

YOUR Committee, to which was referred the paper of brother Herr, respectfully report.

The paper is a full account of brother Herr's business relations to the estate of the late Rev. D. D. Davisson as guardian and acting executor

for the term of ten years, and embracing the settlement of an estate of more than ten thousand dollars. The committee are glad that our dear brother Davisson had such an estate to leave for Christ's Church; that he had such a faithful brother to care for him and his family "in age and feebleness extreme;" that brother Herr has so faithfully and honorably discharged the trust; that the commissions earned by brother Herr as guardian and acting executor have been religiously devoted by him to the Preachers' Relief Society. The whole case is full of Christian beauty, and it deserves to be permanently recorded to the glory of Christ.

We recommend the publication of the paper in the Conference Minutes.

We advise that the thanks of the Conference be given to brother Herr for his fidelity to the trust committed to him, and for his generous gift to the Preachers' Relief Society.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,  
A. LOWREY,  
WM. YOUNG.

#### Statement of Rev. W. Herr, Executor of the Rev. D. D. Davisson.

DAYTON, O., August 30, 1876.

*To the Members of the Cincinnati Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN,—Having been duly appointed by the Probate Court of Montgomery County, Ohio, guardian of the Rev. D. D. Davisson, for many years a highly esteemed and beloved member of this Conference, and, subsequently to his death, by his will, the Rev. W. Herr and Rev. Wesley Webster became executors, the former, with the consent of the latter, performing the duties of acting executor. And inasmuch as Dr. Davisson devoted nearly all of his estate remaining after the death of his wife to the interests of the benevolent causes of the Church, it is proper that a brief statement of the prominent facts should be presented, and also what disposition has been made of the funds of the estate. This statement embraces a period of NEARLY TEN YEARS.

#### I. ASSETS.

1. Cash on deposit in bank.....	\$281 00
2. Sundry notes.....	3,262 93
3. Rents collected by W. Herr, Guardian.....	809 57
4. Rents collected by W. Herr, Acting Executor.....	711 81
5. Conference dividend, by W. Herr, year 1867.....	159 00
6. Conference dividend, by W. Herr, year 1868.....	116 60
7. Conference dividend, by W. Herr, year 1869.....	136 00
8. Conference dividend, by W. Herr, year 1870.....	285 00
9. Proceeds of sale of real estate.....	3,000 00
10. Interest on funds loaned at sundry times.....	1,399 55

Total assets.....\$10,161 46

#### II. DISBURSEMENTS.

1. By W. Herr, Guardian of Rev. D. D. Davisson, including boarding, taxes, insurance, repairs, physician's bill, probate fees, funeral expenses, \$2,406 89
2. W. Herr, Acting Executor, to B. C. Wilkinson, Guardian of Mrs. Davisson..... 1,365 78

<i>Brought forward</i> .....	\$3,772 75
3. W. Herr, Acting Executor, taxes, insurance, repairs of property, probate fees, monument for Dr. Davisson and wife (\$235.00).....	1,221 87
4. Bequest to Dr. Carter, Urbana, O.....	100 00
5. Bequest to Preachers' Relief Society.....	500 00
6. Bequest to Davisson Chapel, Dayton, O., principal and interest.....	1,110 00
7. Allowance by Probate Court to W. Herr, Guardian.....	163 27
8. Allowance by Probate Court to W. Herr and W. Webster, Executors.....	319 24
9. Bequest to Missionary Society, residuary legatee, "the interest alone to be used in the propagation of the Gospel among the heathens".....	2,974 43
	<hr/> \$10,161 46

All the foregoing were itemized in my several statements, with accompanying vouchers, to the Probate Court, and approved by said Court.

Of the allowance by the Court to the executors; to-wit, \$319.24, one-half, \$159.62, has been paid to my co-executor, Rev. Wesley Webster, leaving for my personal disposal, including \$163.27 for guardianship, the sum of \$322.89. This amount I have appropriated as follows: Fifty dollars invested in the Preachers' Relief Society, the interest of which is to be employed in keeping in order forever the graves of Rev. D. D. Davisson and wife in Woodland Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio, and the balance, \$272.89, together making \$322.89, I have donated as a CENTENNIAL contribution to the Preacher' Relief Society, thus NOT retaining a single cent for my personal benefit. I thank God that I have been enabled in this regard to act in harmony with the spirit and example of that noble man, Dr. Davisson, who devoted all he was worth to the interests of the Church and the cause of benevolence.

W. HERR,

*Guardian and Acting Executor of Rev. D. D. Davisson, late of Cin. Con.*

#### MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT:—Columbia.....	\$166 00
Pendleton.....	166 00
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT:—M'Lean.....	166 00
Finley .....	83 00
Fairmount.....	83 00
DAYTON DISTRICT:—Davisson Chapel.....	166 00
Sears Chapel.....	166 00

PRESIDING ELDERS.

## REPORT ON THE JOINT COMMISSION.

YOUR Committee, to which was referred the address of the Joint Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, respectfully report.

The object sought by the Commission was the removal of difficulties and obstacles in the way of formal fraternity between these two great Churches concerned. It was no ordinary undertaking. We can not too highly exalt its importance. Christians must "seek peace, and pursue it." "As much as lieth in them, they are to live peaceably with all men."

The chafing and bitterness between some in each Church had been extreme. It was quite time that amicable relations should succeed. Whoever may have been at fault, it was neither wise nor Christian to keep the sore unhealed if healing were practicable.

The Commission—ten in number, five on each side—appointed by the highest authority of the respective Churches, found themselves sustaining, by a unanimous vote, every position submitted.

They say: "By divine guidance, as we trust, we have been able to harmonize all differences, and to arrive at the desired consummation of a unanimous agreement of complete fraternity. We believe that no principle of honor on either side has been invaded. We struck the keynote of brotherly love until it sounded high and clear, and so have been enabled to reach the elements of perfect harmony. No divergence of sentiment mars the complete unanimity of the Joint Commission touching the essential principles of fraternization."

We most heartily rejoice in these triumphs of divine grace over human weakness. The consummation may involve specific conditions which in certain localities may be deemed impracticable; it may ignore, in the estimation of some, historical facts—such things are perhaps unavoidable incidents of similar adjustments: yet so that the great result of fraternity is gained, we and the whole Church of Christ may well be thankful for the grand achievement. Be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we hail with profound gratitude to God the general results reached by the Joint Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South as to formal fraternity and fellowship between the two Churches.

J. M. WALDEN, *Chairman*;  
THOMAS H. PEARNE, *Secretary*;  
W. HERR,  
LUCIEN CLARK,  
WM. YOUNG,  
S. D. CLAYTON.

## MEMOIRS.

REV. J. C. BONTECOU.

REV. JAMES C. BONTECOU was a native of New Haven, Connecticut, but early removed, with his parents, to Albany County, New York. His parents had adhered to Episcopal views and forms, but without hope, till in their new home the Methodist itinerant, under God, broke their illusory spell and false trust, and the mother gave her heart to God.

James Clark was himself converted at the age of fifteen years, without ministerial counsel or revival helps—alone with God. He had then, in 1818, never seen a Sabbath-school. No theological schools offered their help to him; yet he had a deep sense of his insufficiency for the work of the ministry, to which he felt himself called. His friends were chary of encouragement. The voice of the Spirit alone said to him, "Go thou and preach the kingdom of God." He felt the call to be the itinerant ministry.

He questioned duty for eight years, not casting away confidence, but suffering coldness and barrenness of soul. In 1826, with labors of conscience more difficult than those through which he gave his soul to God in love, he yielded himself a vessel of the Gospel, to be borne where the currents of providence in Methodism should decide.

He joined the New York Conference in 1827, and was ordained deacon at Troy, in 1826, by Bishop Roberts. He was ordained elder by Bishop Soule at Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1831, being then a member of the New England Conference by a recent division of the former one.

Perhaps his most notable work in the New England Conference was during his pastorate at Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, during 1835 and 1836. He was one of the original members of Martha's Vineyard Camp-meeting Association, which was formed at that time. At its second meeting, in 1836, he was superintendent of all its services, which were very successful. A religious interest was awakened throughout the Island, and about fifty persons confessed obtaining Christ savingly. These Mr. Bontecou watched with a pastor's love, and observed most of them to die well. He visited the scene of that victory frequently since, and cherished till his death a warm interest in that powerful and popular Camp-meeting Association.

He was transferred to the Ohio Conference in 1840, in which he took his first appointment to Worthington Circuit. He marked this year in his memory as one of "toil and gloom,"—"not a soul converted to God,"—the fruitless year of his ministry. His ruling passion, in his calling, was "desire for souls." He computed his success by the number saved. His sense of "labor in vain" was painful, and he was "shut up unto the faith" that the fruit might be seen hence.

But the Promiser is faithful. The compensations of Providence should ever hush our complaining. He soon thereafter saw the travail of his chastened soul, and was satisfied.

Stationed at Circleville the next year, 1841, one of the best revivals known to Methodism in that vicinity occurred. Between three hundred and four hundred persons were joined to the Church, among whom the Lord of the harvest sent forth a number of ministers.

In 1844 he was stationed at Athens, Ohio, where he suffered, in the second year of his term, the overwhelming grief of his life, in the death of his wife. At the age of thirty-three years he had married Miss Conable, whose immediate family are now esteemed citizens of Xenia, Ohio. She was mother to his children, dispenser of light and joy in a happy home, and an efficient pastoral and revival helper in his work.

In 1849 he married Miss Mary A. Good, who, with gentle kindness, ministered comfort to him in the afternoon of his life, and in sorrow survives him.

By a division of the Ohio Conference he became a member of the Cincinnati Conference at its formation. He was stationed at Franklin, Oxford, Greenfield; Pearl and York Streets, Cincinnati; Agent Wesleyan College, then at North Bend, Madisonville, and other stations and circuits, till, in 1866 and 1867, he served his last pastorate on Fletcher Circuit, in Miami County.

He gave forty years of zealous labor to the itinerant ministry, and was superannuated eight years, though in no part dependent upon the Church for his support. He was enterprising, frugal, and benevolent; and, besides, with his life of consecrated toil, he will yet bless the Church, in its best benevolent interest, by a generous gift. He had good intellectual abilities, well sustained with a habit of thorough reading. He was always respected for the strength and assuredness of his convictions. In the days when it was heroic to say to the "bondmen" of the country, "Go free," he was distinguished in zeal for them.

Buoyant and sprightly in spirit, he was welcomed to youthful society when past the sear age of seventy. His life was unblamable. Without rapture, his religious life was uniform and earnest for more than fifty years,—never disparaged by those having charity, or impeached by his peers. His character was well wrought and established by those years of integrity, and it was graciously sustained, in firm hope, when his body trembled to its fall.

Having fully set in order his "house," his business, his family, and his soul, he was anxious to "go away," but patiently waited till his change came. His wife and daughter had watched his decline with devoted affection, and his last expressions were of love returned, and a joyous welcome of his release from mortality, and his assured ascension,

"From grief and groans, to a golden throne  
Beside the King of heaven."

He was seventy-two years of age at his death, which occurred at his home in Xenia, Ohio, October 14, 1875. He was buried from the First Methodist Episcopal Church, where his membership was much esteemed. The pastor, M. A. Richards, and Dr. G. C. Crum administered the service.

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REV. N. CALLENDER.

REV. N. CALLENDER was born September 18, 1800, in Chazy, Clinton County, New York. In 1817 his parents moved to Eastern Ohio. Young Callender made the best possible use of his early opportunities.

He was converted in Leesburg in 1819. In 1821 he was licensed to exhort, and in 1825 to preach, and recommended for admission on trial in the Pittsburg Conference, at its first session, in the city of Pittsburg. His first appointment was as junior preacher on the Monongahela Circuit, which embraced Morgantown, Virginia. In 1826-7 he was junior preacher on Harrison Circuit, and in 1827-8 the same on New Lisbon Circuit. His other appointments were as follows: 1828-9, Shippensville Circuit; 1829-30, Meadville Circuit; 1830-1, St. Clairsville Circuit; 1831-2, without work, on account of feeble health; 1832-3, in charge of Clarksburg Station; 1833-4, Blairsville; 1834-5, Ligonier Circuit; 1835-7, Beaver Station; 1837-8, Monongahela Station; 1838-9, Birmingham. During his ministry in the English work, having intercourse with the German farmers of Pennsylvania and Ohio, he acquired a knowledge of that language, and subsequently used it for the glory of God in the ministry, and became one of the pioneers of German missions. Hence, in 1839-40, he was placed in charge of the Pittsburg German Mission District. This was the first German district in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and brother Callender had the honor of building the first German Methodist Episcopal church in the connection. In 1840 he was appointed to the New York German Mission, where he labored until the Spring of 1842, when he was appointed Moral Instructor at the Western Penitentiary, Pennsylvania, where he continued until 1844; 1844-5, Wellsville Station, Ohio; 1845-6, Columbiana Circuit; 1846-7, Monongahela Station; 1847-8, Chartiers Circuit; 1847-9, supernumerary; 1849-50, superannuated, but preached occasionally; 1850-1, Elizabeth Station; 1851-3, superannuated, but acting as agent for German Churches; 1854-6, in charge of Michigan German District; 1856-8, Cincinnati German District; 1858-9, M'Kendree Chapel; 1859-60, Milford Circuit; 1860-1, Loveland Circuit; 1861-2, Bible Agent, under direction of Rev. W. Herr, General Bible Agent for Southern Ohio; 1862, made Hospital Chaplain, United States Army, at Camp Dennison, until 1865; 1865-6, without regular work; 1866-7, in charge of Camp Dennison and Indian Hill, also Superintendent of Soldiers' Cemetery; 1867-8, Mainville Circuit; 1869-70, Feesburg; 1870-1, Dunbarton, his last field of labor.

Brother Callender was a kind, loving husband and father, a man of deep piety, a useful minister, a wise counselor, and a steadfast friend. The closing years of his life he spent in and near Louisville, Kentucky. He died on Sunday, February 6, 1876, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. P. H. Bonham, Buckner's Station. Much of the time during his sickness he suffered greatly, but was ever comforted and supported by the glorious Gospel which he had preached. When asked by his wife why he did not pray for relief from suffering, he replied, "Ma, you know my views in regard to that; it is as important to suffer as to do God's will." After administering comfort to his family, he desired the fourteenth chapter of John to be read for his comfort and as his last legacy to the weeping group around his dying bed. A few weeks before his death the Lord's-supper was administered to him by Rev. Dr. Chadwick. His brother, from Texas, and a few friends were present. It was a season of spiritual blessing. He gave messages to his family and

others who were there. He frequently referred to his relations with the Cincinnati Conference, expressing great sympathy and love for the brethren, and especially for his more intimate colleagues. His confidence in God was strong, his sky clear, and he was waiting, calmly and patiently, for the Master to call him home. A long, eventful, and useful life has closed. Many will rise in the last day to call this departed minister of Christ blessed. At the time of his decease he was a superannuated member of the Cincinnati Conference.

His remains were conveyed from Louisville, Ky., to Cincinnati; and, after appropriate funeral services in Wesley Chapel, in which Dr. Walden, Rev. W. I. Fee, and other members of the Conference participated, his body was deposited in Spring Grove Cemetery, and now awaits the resurrection morn.

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REV. PHARAOH A. OGDEN.

ONE by one we pass from earth. One who sat with us at our last session is now numbered with the many who have gone on before.

PHARAOH A. OGDEN was born in Oldham, Lancaster County, England, July 28, 1799, and died at his residence in Sidney, Ohio, August 23, 1876, having lived on earth more than seventy-seven years.

With his parents he emigrated to this country in May, 1818, landing at Philadelphia. He embraced religion in 1822, and united with St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia on February 22d of the same year. Was licensed as an exhorter in 1823, and as a local preacher in 1824. In 1825 he was recommended to the Philadelphia Conference for admission on trial, and appointed the first year to Dauphin Circuit; the second year to Lancaster Circuit. In April, 1827, he was admitted into full connection, and ordained deacon by Bishop Hedding; and two years later he received elder's orders at the hands of Bishop M'Kendree. He labored with great success and acceptability among the people to whom he was sent, and during his connection with the Philadelphia Conference filled some of the most important stations, such as New Brunswick, Asbury, Pottsville, and Manayunk. Owing to his untiring zeal and arduous labors in the pulpit and study, his health failed, and in 1836 he was compelled to retire from the itinerant work.

In 1838 he removed to Piqua, Ohio, where, in company with his father, he engaged in the mercantile business.

In 1844 he concluded to enter again into the active work of the ministry. He united with the Wesleyan Methodist Connection in 1844, where with earnest zeal he preached Christ, and opposed the institution of human slavery, which in him always had a most determined enemy. He lived to see and rejoice in the triumph of truth in the removal of slavery from both Church and State.

Sidney, Ohio, became his chosen home in 1851, where he remained till his death, being engaged for the most part as a merchant, and then a journalist. The removal of slavery from the Methodist Episcopal Church removed the cause of his secession in 1844, and opened the way for his return, which he entered with many others of the Wesleyan body in 1867, when he was readmitted to the Cincinnati Conference. As health and

opportunity allowed, it was his delight to exercise in the Christian ministry and the promotion of the cause of temperance.

His wife was transferred to the spirit world but a short time before him. Last year, on an occasion similar to this, he with us listened to her obituary. Now we are listening to his.

He highly prized his brethren of the Conference, and was deeply interested in the prosperity of the Church of which he was a member and minister. He gave to Rev. R. Brandriff, a most intimate friend, the following message: "Tell my brethren of the Conference that I love them all; tell them to make Christ prominent in all their preaching; and tell them that I die with a good hope of eternal life."

He lived as a Christian lives, died as the Christian dies, and now dwells in the Christian's home above.

"Servant of God, well done!  
Thy glorious warfare's past.  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou are crowned at last."

S. B. SMITH.

OXFORD, *September 4, 1876.*

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MRS. HANNAH SWAIN.

THE life of an itinerant is beset with strange vicissitudes, and none ever met them with more firmness and patience than the subject of this sketch. Born in the South, reared amid the quiet and simplicity of the Society of Friends, she evinced through all her associations that repose which was the result of her early training, 1792 was the year of her nativity, and at her death she was aged eighty-two years, two months, and twenty-seven days.

Raised by strictly pious parents, she was early led to seek for the reality of a deep religious experience. Quick of perception and tender of conscience, she was kept from the paths of the destroyer, and sweetly walked in wisdom's ways. Her parents being models of thrift and economy, she received the training which afterward fitted her so eminently for the life of an itinerant's wife. She was a member of the Society of Friends, and held her birthright till her death.

She was married to Charles Webster Swain in the year 1814, came with him to Ohio, and endured all the privations of pioneer life with an energy and cheerfulness which enrolled her name among the heroic whose deeds will be known and read from the Book of Life. She was emphatically a "keeper at home," and the bread of idleness she never ate. Her severe economy was the defense that drove the "*wolf*" from their door when the pittance they received was but the mockery of support. Ingenious, quick, and provident, she never was, in their most straitened days, without provision for the hungry and lodging for the weary. Housekeeping with her was a fine art, and domestic labor a classic, refined, pure, and ennobling, and many a beautiful creation of her fruitful brain adorned their humble home.

Small salaries and meagre accommodations taxed her strength of body

and soul, of brain and nerve; but the poorest home was soon made to glow with her neatness and handiwork. No complaint, no murmuring; she accepted things as they were, but improved them as much as possible, and was thankful for small favors. To itinerate in her day implied discomfort, poor support, and painful privation. To make two hundred or one hundred and fifty dollars compass the needs of a family for a twelve-month was no small task, and required a tact in domestic engineering that is scarcely dreamed of in our day. In every field of their labor the *poor knew best* her value, for to them she was singularly attentive, and their prayers blessed her life with their benedictions.

Stricken by paralysis, she was a helpless invalid for over six years. Her aged companion bade her adieu after one short year of sympathy in her afflictions, and she was removed to the home of her son-in-law, Rev. J. W. Weakley, D. D. She had no fear of death, and looked forward to it as a happy release from her suffering. She was mercifully spared acute pain, and enjoyed wonderful health in general, for which she was sincerely thankful. Her greatest trial was her helplessness. She was grieved that she should be a tax to any one, but bore all with a cheerfulness that was marked by all who saw her.

Her last hours were passed in a kind of stupor which precluded conversation; but we know those who have their house in order as she had will not be found wanting at the summons. She passed away like a tired reaper taking her rest at the door of the garner, where repose is given, and an abundant entrance administered into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. We shall see her again in the resurrection, not as a marred and helpless invalid, but clothed in that incorruptible spiritual body, which, ineffable in its beauty and glory, shall bathe in seas of heavenly rest throughout eternity. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

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MRS. MARIA B. CAREY.

MRS. MARIA BAINS CAREY, wife of Rev. S. W. Carey, of the Cincinnati Conference, was born in Miami County, Ohio, July 18, 1826, and died of consumption, after years of patient suffering, at the parsonage in Springboro, Ohio, on Friday, October 22, 1875, aged forty-nine years.

Mrs. Carey was an amiable, cultured, Christian woman, well fitted to be the wife of a minister of the Gospel. For several years previous to her marriage, she was a popular and successful teacher in the public schools of Piqua. In early life she made a public profession of her faith in Christ, and united with the Baptist Church. On the 22d of April, 1854, she was married to her now bereaved husband, and a few years subsequently entered with him upon the trials and triumphs of an itinerant's life, in the Cincinnati Conference.

Although a devoted member of another communion at the time of her marriage, she entered at once, and with zeal and earnestness, into the work to which Providence had called her. She was a most efficient worker in the Sunday-school, while in the social prayer-meeting, and in seasons of special revival, she never failed to do her duty.

Her death, as might well be inferred from her life, was a peaceful and happy one. To her husband she said, repeatedly, "I have no fear. I have placed my all upon God's altar. I have not trusted Jesus in vain." On one occasion, shortly before her death, she said, "If it be the Lord's will to take me, it will be a sweet release. Jesus is my Savior and my friend, my all in all." At another time she quoted the words:

"Forever here my rest shall be,  
Close to thy bleeding side;  
'Tis all my hope, and all my plea,  
For me the Savior died."

When her husband said, "Jesus will say to you ere long, 'It is enough; come up higher,'" she warmly responded, "Oh, what a sweet summons that will be!" and finally, with her latest breath, she assured him that her prospect was bright.

Mrs. Carey was an affectionate, devoted, faithful wife, seeking in every possible way to make her home an attractive, happy refuge for her itinerant husband. She was an earnest, consistent Christian, not in word only, but in deed and in truth. Her entire life, in private and in public, was a testimony for Jesus.

She was an ardent lover and a diligent reader of God's Word. This interesting memorandum was found in her Bible, soon after her death: "October 4, 1875.—This day finished reading the Bible through." It was, perhaps, the last reading she ever did. About two weeks after this date, she entered upon the "rest that remaineth for the people of God."

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#### MRS. BARBARA A. GRIFFITH.

BARBARA ANNIE GRIFFITH, wife of Rev. A. M. Griffith, of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was born in Harshmanville, Montgomery County, Ohio, June 6, 1851, and died at their residence near Byron, Greene County, Ohio, March 21, 1876, aged twenty-four years, nine months, and five days. Being taught, from earliest childhood, the doctrines of our holy Christianity, in her eleventh year, under the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Kelley, she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and was converted to God. From that time till her death, in all the walks and relations of life, as daughter, wife, and mother, she was the same pure-minded, noble-hearted, self-sacrificing, consistent Christian. Her great aim always seemed to be to *be* good and to *do* good.

On the 10th of August, 1871, she was happily married to Rev. A. M. Griffith, then pastor of Old Town Circuit. With a bright future, high hopes, and devoted heart, she entered the great itinerant field, to do what she could for the Master. Being appointed by the ensuing Conference to Union Circuit, they moved to Bellbrook, where they resided for three years. But ere a year had past, the deepening shadows had fallen upon her earthly pathway. Disease had seized her as its prey; death had leveled his shafts at this shining victim.

Being returned by the Conferences of 1874 and 1875 to Old Town Circuit, they moved from Bellbrook to Yellow Springs, and from there to their residence near Byron, where, in the home of her childhood, and surrounded by many relatives and friends, she was permitted to die.

For more than three years she was almost a constant sufferer, and the last year her sufferings were extreme; but during all that time she was never heard to murmur or complain. Often while her emaciated frame was in an agony of pain she has been heard to say, "What are all my sufferings in comparison with what Christ suffered for me," "It is all right," "I am willing to suffer on as long as Jesus gives me grace to endure it." She was frequently visited by ministers and other Christian friends, to all of whom she invariably gave the same peaceful, hopeful answer, "It is all right; I have no fears of death." To the writer, during the last interview he had with her, which was some weeks before her death, she said, "If I do die before I again see you, I want you to know that it is all right with me. The way is clear."

During all her afflictions she did not talk much of heaven, but she did talk much of Jesus, and especially during the last six months she spoke frequently of his abiding and sustaining presence. "Blessed Jesus!" "Blessed strength!" "Blessed comfort!" "Oh, what sweet comfort I have!" As death drew near, she would often repeat and sometimes sing:

"One sweetly solemn thought  
Comes to me o'er and o'er:  
I'm nearer my home to-day  
Than ever I've been before.  
Nearer my father's house,  
Where many mansions be;  
Nearer the great white throne,  
Nearer the jasper sea."

And when death was but a little way off, her husband asked her, "How do you now feel, right at the threshold of death?" "Why," she said, "I feel just as if I were going from one room to another. I do n't fear death at all; it has no terrors to me. I welcome my release." And just before she breathed her last she said, "My precious husband, Jesus has come. Glory! glory! May the Lord bless you. Take care of the children." And she closed her eyes on earth to open them in heaven."

Her funeral sermon was preached from Phil. i, 21: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Her body was deposited in the cemetery at Fairfield, Ohio, to await the resurrection of the just.

J. P. SHULTZ.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Reports were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference at its last session.

W. H. SUTHERLAND, *Secretary.*

# VI.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

W. L. HYPES, P. E.

CINCINNATI: *Wesley Chapel*—S. Weeks.

*Trinity*—Earl Cranston.

*Asbury*—Adam Bowers.

*Pendleton*—W. J. Baker.

*Pearl Street*—W. B. Moler.

*Mt. Auburn*—W. W. Case.

*Walnut Hills*—A. B. Leonard.

*Grace Church*—W. N. Brodbeck.

*M'Kendree*—Edward M'Hugh.

*Columbia*—J. W. Gaddis.

*Madisonville*—Silas Bennett.

*Mt. Washington*—R. E. Smith.

*Camp Dennison*—E. C. Smith.

*Milford*—J. P. Shultz.

*Centenary*—W. T. M'Mullen.

*Loveland*—W. H. Miesse.

*Mainville*—W. S. Rae.

*Lebanon*—J. N. Irvin.

*Goshen*—H. C. Middleton.

*Morrow*—B. F. Dimmick.

*Waynesville*—M. Dustin.

*New Burlington*—W. B. Jackson, J. A. Easton.

XENIA: *First Church*—M. A. Richards.

*Trinity*—G. C. Cruin.

*Miami Circuit*—A. M. Griffith, J. E. H. Sentman.

*City Mission*—H. D. Fisher.

J. F. Wright, Conference Evangelist, member of Walnut Hills Quarterly Conference.

J. M. Walden, Agent of Western Book Concern, member of Madisonville Quarterly Conference.

Thomas Lee, Chaplain and Superintendent of Cincinnati Union Bethel, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

D. H. Moore, President of Cincinnati Wesleyan College, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

### WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

C. W. KETCHAM, P. E.

CINCINNATI: *St. Paul*—H. B. Ridgeway.

*St. John's*—H. Tuckley.

*Christie*—W. Runyan.

*Finley*—C. W. Rishell.

*York Street*—D. C. Vance.

*M'Lean*—William Young.

*Fairmount*—G. W. Kelley.

*Cumminsville and Camp Washington*—To be supplied.

*Groesbeck*—D. R. Baker.

*Winton Place*—J. F. Conrey.

*Hartwell and Carthage*—D. W. Clark.

*Lockland*—D. J. Starr.

*Port Union*—J. S. Whitney.

*Cheviot*—Matthias M. Kugler.

*Bethany*—R. K. Deem.

*Hamilton*—G. H. Dart.

*Oxford*—J. Murray.

*Venice*—Chas. Kalbfus.

*Harrison*—S. B. Smith.

*Eaton*—Thomas Collett.

*Camden*—J. S. Pumphrey.

*Seven Mile*—Edward Burdsall.

*New Paris*—J. Wilson.

*Fairhaven and Sugar Valley*—J. F. Hull.

*Walker and Union*—G. W. Dubois.

*North Bend*—G. T. Weaver.

*Macedonia*—To be supplied.

R. S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society, member of St. Paul Quarterly Conference.

C. H. Payne, President Ohio Wesleyan University, member of St. Paul Quarterly Conference.

### DAYTON DISTRICT.

JAMES STEPHENSON, P. E.

DAYTON: *Grace Church*—T. H. Pearne.

*Raper*—W. A. Robinson.

*Sears Chapel and Ebenezer*—W. N. Williams.

*Davison Chapel*—W. Herr.

TROY: *Mulberry Street*—S. A. Brewster.

*Second Church*—To be supplied.

*Tippecanoe*—J. J. Hill.

*Addison*—Nathan Prince, J. B. Ellsworth.

*Concord*—G. L. Travis.

*Lewisburg*—M. P. Zink, one to be supplied.

*Germantown and Winchester*—J. P. Nine.

PIQUA: *Green Street*—J. F. Marlay.  
*Grace Church and Covington*—G. H. Kennedy.  
*Lockington*—J. C. Boltin.  
*Fletcher*—D. D. Cheney.  
*St. Paris and Lena*—John Pearson.  
*Brant*—C. F. Gowdy.  
*Miamisburg*—F. S. Davis.  
*Franklin*—C. Ferguson.  
*Red Lion and Springboro*—W. Q. Shannon.  
*Fairfield*—S. W. Carey.  
*New Carlisle*—J. G. Black.  
*Middletown*—W. H. Sutherland.  
*Monroe*—A. U. Beall.

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

J. W. CASSATT, P. E.

SPRINGFIELD: *Central Church*—E. T. Wells.  
*High Street*—Frank G. Mitchell.  
 URBANA: *First Church*—S. D. Clayton.  
*Second Church*—A. N. Spahr.  
*King's Creek*—F. M. Clemans, S. F. Conrey.  
*Mingo and Tabor*—A. W. Tibbits.  
*North Lewisburg*—J. F. Loyd.  
*East Liberty*—W. H. Smith.  
*Tremont*—T. E. Fiddler.  
*Union*—C. H. Lawton.  
*Centreville*—J. M. Shultz.  
*New Jasper*—C. T. Crum.  
*Mechanicsburg*—Michael Kauffman.  
*Moorefield*—M. G. Baker.  
*Yellow Springs*—H. M. Keck.  
*Jamestown*—J. W. Mason.  
*Catawba*—One to be supplied, G. M. Hammel.  
*South Charleston*—W. H. Black.  
*Old Town*—C. H. Kalbfus.  
*Cedarville*—J. L. Gregg.  
 L. D. M'Cabe, Professor in Ohio Wesleyan University, member of High Street Quarterly Conference.

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

J. T. BAIL, P. E.

*Hillsboro*—Lucien Clark.  
*Greenfield*—W. I. Fee.  
*New Lexington*—G. M. Edgar.

*Leesburg*—D. Whitmer.  
*Rainsboro*—D. L. Hayward.  
*Sinking Springs*—J. R. Hunter, L. F. Young.  
*Wilmington*—J. P. Porter.  
*Bowersville*—D. L. Aultman.  
*Clarksville*—J. I. Taggart.  
*Lynchburg*—J. H. Middleton, J. M. Robinson.  
*Sardinia*—S. W. Edmiston, one to be supplied.  
*Butterville*—William Mahon, J. H. Davis.  
*Marshall*—J. C. Ambrose.  
*Martinsville*—A. D. Raleigh.  
*Winchester*—E. M. Cole, E. D. Keyes.  
 J. M'D. Mathews, President of Hillsboro Female College, member of Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.  
 L. F. Van Cleve, Agent Ohio Wesleyan University, member of Wilmington Quarterly Conference.

## RIPLEY DISTRICT.

GRANVILLE MOODY, P. E.

*Ripley*—T. J. Harris.  
*Felicity*—W. J. Quarry.  
*Georgetown*—H. Miller.  
*Bethel*—A. D. Maddox.  
*New Richmond*—Andrew Hamilton.  
*Decatur*—A. E. Higgins.  
*Manchester*—S. N. Marsh.  
*Moscow*—H. Stokes.  
*Laurel*—E. P. James.  
*Amelia*—L. M. Davis.  
*Williamsburg*—N. W. Darlington.  
*Batavia*—J. H. Leas.  
*Aberdeen*—W. P. Jackson.  
*Boston*—Fletcher Hypes.  
*Bantam*—J. F. M'Colm.  
*Olive Branch*—J. Vance.  
*Feesburg*—W. M. Boyer, W. F. Eastman.  
*Marathon*—C. J. Wells.  
*West Union*—T. D. W. Peak, F. Leever.  
 Charles W. Drees, Missionary to Pueblo, Mexico.  
 James H. Roberts, Missionary at Las Cruces and Mesilla, New Mexico.  
 William Fitzgerald, transferred to Central Ohio Conference.

## VII.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

NAMES.	APPOINTMENT.	Year in Apts.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Ambrose, J. C.....	Marshall .....	1	Marshall .....	Highland.
Arthur, R. A.....	Superannuated .....	...	.....	.....
Aultman, D. L....	Bowersville.....	2	Bowersville.....	Greene.
Bail, J. T.....	Hillsboro District.....	2	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Baker, D. R.....	Groesbeck .....	2	Groesbeck.....	Hamilton.
Baker, M. G.....	Moorefield .....	1	Moorefield .....	Clarke.
Baker, W. J.....	Pendleton .....	1	Station B., Cincin'ti	Hamilton.
Barton, J.....	Asylum .....	...	Dayton .....	Montgomery
Beall, A. U.....	Monroe.....	...	Monroe.....	Butler.
Bennett, S.....	Madisonville .....	3	Madisonville .....	Hamilton.
Black, J. G.....	New Carlisle.....	3	New Carlisle.....	Clarke.
Black, W. H.....	South Charleston.....	1	South Charleston...	Clarke.
Boltin, J. C.....	Lockington .....	1	Lockington.....	Shelby.
Bowers, A.....	Asbury.....	2	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Boyer, W. M.....	Feesburg .....	3	Feesburg.....	Brown.
Brandriff, R.....	Superannuated .....	...	Piqua.....	Miami.
Brewster, S. A....	Troy .....	2	Troy.....	Miami.
Brodbeck, W. N.	Grace .....	2	Rockdale Av., Avondale	Hamilton.
Brown, S.....	Superannuated .....	...	Xenia.....	Indiana.
Burdsall, E.....	Seven Mile.....	2	Seven Mile.....	Butler.
Callahan, D.....	Superannuated .....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Carey, S. W.....	Fairfield .....	1	Fairfield .....	Greene.
Case, W. W.....	Mount Auburn.....	2	Cincinnati .....	Hamilton.
Cassatt, J. W.....	Springfield District.....	3	Springfield .....	Clarke.
Chalfant, J. F.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Springdale .....	Hamilton.
Cheney, D. D.....	Fletcher .....	2	Fletcher .....	Miami.
Clark, L.....	Hillsboro .....	3	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Clark, Davis W..	Hartwell and Carthage..	1	Hartwell .....	Hamilton.
Clayton, S. D.....	First Church.....	2	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Clemans, F. M....	King's Creek.....	2	Mutual.....	Champaign.
Cole, E. M.....	Winchester.....	1	Winchester .....	Adams.
Collett, T.....	Eaton .....	2	Eaton .....	Preble.
Conrey, J. F.....	Winton Place.....	2	Winton Place.....	Hamilton.
Conrey, S. F.....	King's Creek.....	2	King's Creek.....	Champaign.
Cranston, E.....	Trinity .....	2	312 Elm St., Cinc'ti	Hamilton.
Cramer, M. J.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Copenhagen .....	Denmark.
Crum, C. T.....	New Jasper.....	1	New Jasper Mills...	Greene.
Crum, G. C.....	Trinity .....	2	Xenia.....	Greene.
Dart, G. H.....	Hamilton.....	1	Hamilton .....	Butler.
Darlington, N. W.	Williamsburg .....	1	Williamsburg .....	Clermont.
Davis, F. S.....	Miamisburg.....	1	Miamisburg.....	Montgomery

NAMES.	APPOINTMENT.	Year in A.p.t.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Davis, J. H.....	Butlerville .....	2	Butlerville .....	Warren.
Davis, L. M.....	Amelia .....	2	Amelia .....	Clermont.
Deem, J. C.....	Superannuated .....	...	Eaton .....	Preble.
Deem, R. K.....	Bethany .....	2	Bethany .....	Butler.
Dimmick, B. F...	Morrow .....	3	Morrow .....	Warren.
Drees, C. W.....	Missionary .....	...	Puebla .....	Mexico.
Dubois, G. W....	Walker and Union.....	1	.....	.....
Dustin, M.....	Waynesville.....	1	Waynesville .....	Warren.
Eastman, W. T...	Feesburg .....	1	Feesburg .....	Brown.
Easton, J. A.....	New Burlington.....	2	New Burlington....	Clinton.
Edgar, G. M.....	New Lexington.....	2	New Lexington.....	Highland.
Edmiston, S. W...	Sardinia .....	1	Sardinia .....	Brown.
Ellsworth, J. B...	Addison.....	2	Christiansburg.....	Clarke.
Ellsworth, W. I..	Superannuated .....	...	Springfield .....	Clarke.
Fee, G. W.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Bethel.....	Clermont.
Fee, W. I.....	Greenfield .....	1	Greenfield .....	Highland.
Ferguson, C.....	Franklin .....	1	Franklin .....	Warren.
Fiddler, T. E.....	Tremont .....	2	Westville .....	Champaign.
Field, E. H.....	Superannuated .....	...	St. Paris.....	Champaign.
Fisher, H. D.....	City Mission.....	2	Cincinnati .....	Hamilton.
Gaddis, J. W....	Columbia .....	2	1739 Eastern Av., Cinc'ti	Hamilton.
Gaddis, M. P.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Yellow Springs.....	Greene.
Glasscock, B.....	Superannuated .....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Gowdy, C. F.....	Brant .....	1	Brant .....	Montgomery
Gregg, J. L.....	Cedarville.....	1	Cedarville .....	Greene.
Griffith, A. M....	Miami .....	1	Sharonville.....	Hamilton.
Hamilton, A.....	New Richmond.....	2	New Richmond.....	Clermont.
Hammel, G. M....	Catawba .....	1	Catawba.....	Clarke.
Harris, T. J.....	Ripley .....	1	Ripley .....	Brown.
Hayward, D. L...	Rainsboro.....	2	Rainsboro .....	Highland.
Herr, W.....	Davison Chapel.....	1	Dayton .....	Montgomery
Higgins, A. E....	Decatur .....	1	Decatur .....	Brown.
Hill, J. J.....	Tippecanoe .....	1	Tippecanoe.....	Miami.
Hines, W. E.....	Superannuated .....	...	Williamsburg.....	Clermont.
Hull, J. F.....	Fair Haven.....	2	Fair Haven.....	Preble.
Hunter, J. R.....	Sinking Springs.....	3	Sinking Springs....	Highland.
Hypes, F.....	Boston .....	2	Boston .....	Clermont.
Hypes, W. L.....	East Cincinnati District	2	Park Av., Walnut Hills.	Hamilton.
Irvin, J. N.....	Lebanon .....	2	Lebanon.....	Warren.
Jackson, W. B...	New Burlington.....	2	New Burlington....	Clinton.
Jackson, W. P...	Aberdeen .....	1	Decatur .....	Brown.
James, E. P.....	Laurel.....	2	Laurel .....	Brown.
Kalbfus, C.....	Venice .....	2	Ross .....	Hamilton.
Kalbfus, C. H....	Old Town.....	1	Old Town.....	Greene.
Kauffman, M.....	Mechanicsburg .....	2	Mechanicsburg .....	Champaign.
Keck, H. M.....	Yellow Springs.....	1	Yellow Springs.....	Greene.
Kelley, G. W....	Fairmount .....	1	Fairmount.....	Hamilton.
Kemper, D.....	Superannuated .....	...	Lebanon.....	Warren.
Kennedy, G. H...	Grace Church.....	1	Piqua .....	Miami.

NAMES.	APPOINTMENT.	Yrs. in Ap't.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Ketcham, C. W...	West Cincinnati Dist....	3	209 Oliver St. Cin'ti	Hamilton.
Keyes, E. D.....	Winchester .....	1	Winchester .....	Adams.
Kugler M.....	Cheviot .....	2	Cheviot .....	Hamilton.
Lawton, C. H.....	Union .....	1	Spring Valley.....	Greene.
Lawder, W. H....	Supernumerary .....	...	Hamilton .....	Butler.
Leas, J. H.....	Batavia .....	2	Batavia .....	Clermont.
Lee, T.....	Union Bethel.....	9	Cincinnati .....	Hamilton.
Leever, F.....	West Union.....	1	West Union.....	Adams.
Leonard, A. B....	Walnut Hills.....	3	Ash. Av., Walnut Hills..	Hamilton.
Lowrey, A.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Care J. Jackson, Ham'n.	Butler.
Lloyd, J. F.....	North Lewisburg....	2	North Lewisburg...	Champaign.
Maddox, A. D. ...	Bethel.....	1	Bethel .....	Clermont.
Maddy, J. C.....	Superannuated .....	...	Linwood.....	Hamilton.
Mahon, W.....	Butlerville .....	2	Butlerville .....	Warren.
Marlay, J. F.....	First Church .....	2	Piqua.....	Miami.
Marsh, S. N.....	Manchester .....	2	Manchester.....	Adams.
Mason, J. W.....	Jamestown .....	3	Jamestown .....	Greene.
Matthews, J. M'D	Hillsboro College.....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Maxey, W. N....	Superannuated .....	...	Russell's Station....	Highland.
M'Cabe, L. D. ...	Prof. in O. Wes. Univ...	...	Delaware .....	Delaware.
M'Colm, J. F....	Bantam .....	1	Bantam .....	Clermont.
M'Donald, N.....	Superannuated .....	...	Westboro.....	Clinton.
Meharry, A.....	Supernumerary.....	...	Eaton .....	Preble.
M'Hugh, E.....	M'Kendree .....	2	311 East'n Av., Cin.	Hamilton.
Middleton, H. C...	Goshen .....	1	Goshen .....	Clermont.
Middleton, J. H...	Lynchburg.....	1	Lynchburg.....	Highland.
Miesse, W. H. ...	Loveland .....	1	Loveland.....	Clermont.
Miller, H.....	Georgetown.....	1	Georgetown.....	Clermont.
Mitchell, F. G....	High Street.....	1	Springfield.....	Clarke.
M'Mullen, W. T.	Centenary.....	1	Mulberry.....	Clermont.
Moler, W. B.....	Pearl Street.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Moody, G.....	Ripley District.....	4	Ripley .....	Brown.
Moore, D. H.....	Pres. Cin. Wes. College	2	Cincinnati .....	Hamilton.
Murphy, A.....	Superannuated .....	...	New Carlisle.....	Clarke.
Murray, J.....	Oxford .....	1	Oxford.....	Butler.
Nine, J. P.....	Germant'n & Winchester	1	Germantown.....	Montgomery
Parrott, G. W....	Supernumerary.....	...	Dayton .....	Montgomery
Payne, C. H.....	Pres. Ohio Wes. Univ...	1	Delaware.. .....	Delaware.
Peak, T. D. W....	West Union .....	1	West Union .....	Adams.
Pearne, T. H.....	Grace Church.....	3	Dayton .....	Montgomery
Pearson, J.....	St. Paris and Lena.....	3	St. Paris .....	Champaign.
Peregrine, J. S...	Supernumerary .....	...	Winona. ....	Minnesota.
Phillips, T. A. G.	Superannuated .....	...	Springboro.....	Warren.
Porter, J. P.....	Wilmington. ....	1	Wilmington.....	Clermont.
Prince, N. H.....	Addison .....	2	Christiansburg.....	Champaign.
Pumphrey, J. S...	Camden .....	3	Camden.....	Preble.
Quarry, W. J.....	Felicity .....	1	Felicity.....	Clermont.
Rae, W. S.....	Mainville .....	1	Mainville .....	Warren.
Raleigh, A. D....	Martinsville.....	1	Martinsville. ....	Clinton.
Reeder, J. A.....	Superannuated .....	...	Cincinnati .....	Hamilton.

NAMES.	APPOINTMENTS.	Yrs. in Apt.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Ridgaway H. B...	St. Paul.....	1	319 W. 7th St., Cin.	Hamilton.
Richards, M. A...	First Church.....	3	Xenia.....	Greene.
Rishell, C. W.....	Finley.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Roberts, J. H.....	Missionary.....	...	Las Cruces.....	New Mexico.
Robinson, J. M...	Lynchburg.....	1	Lynchburg.....	Highland.
Robinson, W. A...	Raper Church.....	3	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Runyan, W.....	Christie.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Rust, R. S.....	Secretary F. A. Society.	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Sargent, D. H.....	Superannuated.....	...	Lebanon.....	Warren.
Sentman, J. E. H.	Miami.....	2	Sharonville.....	Hamilton.
Shannon, W. Q...	Red Lion & Springboro.	1	Springboro.....	Warren.
Short, J. T.....	Supernumerary.....	...	.....	.....
Shultz, J. M'K...	Centreville.....	1	Centreville.....	Montgomery
Shultz, J. P.....	Milford.....	1	Milford.....	Clermont.
Smith, E. C.....	Camp Dennison.....	2	Camp Dennison....	Clermont.
Smith, R. E.....	Mt. Washington.....	2	Mt. Washington....	Hamilton.
Smith, S. B.....	Harrison.....	1	Harrison.....	Hamilton.
Smith, W. H.....	East Liberty.....	2	East Liberty.....	Logan.
Spahr, A. N... ..	Second Church.....	1	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Starr, D. J.....	Lockland.....	2	Wyoming.....	Hamilton.
Stokes, H.....	Moscow.....	1	Moscow.....	Clermont.
Stephenson, J.....	Dayton District.....	2	Piqua.....	Miami.
Sutherland, J. W.	Supernumerary.....	2	Boston.....	Mass.
Sutherland, W. H	Middletown.....	2	Middletown.....	Butler.
Tibbits, A. W.....	Mingo and Tabor.....	2	Mingo.....	Champaign.
Travis, G. L.....	Concord.....	1	Concord.....	Montgomery
Tuckley, H.....	St. John's.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Vance, D. C.....	York Street.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Vance, J.....	Olive Branch.....	1	Olive Branch.....	Clermont.
Van Cleve, L. F.	Agent O. W. University	1	Wilmington.....	Clermont.
Walden, J. M.....	Book Agent.....	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Warnock, D.....	Superannuated.....	...	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Weakley, J. W...	Supernumerary.....	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Weaver, G. T.....	North Bend.....	1	Cleves.....	Hamilton.
Webster, W.....	Superannuated.....	...	South Charleston...	Clarke.
Weeks, S.....	Wesley.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Wells, C. J.....	Marathon.....	1	Marathon.....	Clermont.
Wells, E. T.....	Central Church.....	3	Springfield.....	Clarke.
Whitmer, D.....	Leesburg.....	1	Leesburg.....	Highland.
Whitney, J. S.....	Port Union.....	1	Jones Station.....	Butler.
Williams, W. N...	Sears St. and Ebenezer..	1	Dayton.....	Montgomery
Wilson, J.....	New Paris.....	1	New Paris.....	Preble.
Wright, J. F.....	Conference Evangelist..	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Young, L. F.....	Sinking Springs.....	2	Sinking Springs....	Highland.
Young, Wm. ....	M'Lean.....	3	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Zink, M. P.....	Lewisburg.....	1	Brookville.....	Montgomery

## VIII. HISTORICAL.

## MEMORABILIA OF CINCINNATI CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

PREPARED BY D. J. STARR.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARIES.	TO PUBLISH MINUTES.	MISSIONARY TREASURER.	Raised for Missions.	Church Memb's.
1	Sept. 22, 1852	Xenia.....	Janes.....	John T. Mitchell.....	{ G. Moody, M. Smith, W. P. Strickland.....	W. Young.....	\$10,503 45	27,487
2	Sept. 28, 1853	Hillsboro.....	Janes.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass't—J. F. Marlay.....	{ J. W. Fowble, G. Moody, J. T. Mitchell.....	W. Young.....	13,111 69	29,721
3	Sept. 23, 1854	Cincinnati.....	Scott.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass't—J. F. Chalfant.....	{ J. T. Mitchell, J. W. Fowble, M. Dnstin.....	W. Young.....	15,485 34	29,623
4	Sept. 26, 1855	Urbana.....	Morris.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass't—J. F. Marlay.....	Secretaries.....	W. Young.....	15,508 77	29,958
5	Oct. 1, 1856	Ripley.....	Ames.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass'ts—J. F. Marlay, J. J. Thompson.....	Secretaries.....	W. H. Sutherland.....	13,653 96	28,848
6	Sept. 9, 1857	Piqua.....	Morris.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass'ts—J. F. Marlay, J. J. Thompson.....	Secretaries.....	W. H. Sutherland.....	12,594 87	27,401
7	Sept. 8, 1858	Lebanon.....	Janes.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass'ts—J. F. Marlay, W. H. Sutherland.....	Secretaries.....	C. Ferguson.....	12,428 70	29,749
8	Sept. 7, 1859	Dayton.....	Ames.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass'ts—J. F. Marlay, J. J. Thompson.....	Secretaries.....	J. T. Bull.....	11,619 84	30,624
9	Sept. 5, 1860	Oxford.....	Simpson.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass'ts—J. J. Thompson, J. Braden.....	Secretaries.....	J. F. Marlay.....	12,432 57	31,859
10	Sept. 4, 1861	Springfield.....	Morris.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass't—J. J. Thompson.....	Secretaries.....	J. F. Conrey.....	13,556 08	32,025
11	Sept. 3, 1862	Cincinnati.....	Ames.....	J. T. Mitchell; Ass't—J. J. Thompson.....	Secretaries.....	J. F. Conrey.....	10,599 97	31,010
12	Sept. 2, 1863	Xenia.....	Baker.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—J. M. Walden, G. H. Dart.....	Secretaries.....	J. F. Conrey.....	18,350 30	28,530
13	Sept. 8, 1864	Greenfield.....	Simpson.....	{ W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—J. M. Walden, G. H. Dart, T. Lee, H. M. Keck, D. J. Starr.....	Secretaries.....	A. Moharry.....	25,252 63	25,955*
14	Aug. 30, 1865	Troy.....	Clark.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—J. M. Walden, G. H. Dart, D. J. Starr.....	Secretaries.....	T. Lee.....	28,704 70	25,105
15	Aug. 29, 1866	Ripley.....	Thomson.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—G. H. Dart, D. J. Starr, G. Parrott.....	Secretaries.....	T. Lee.....	28,910 22	27,541
16	Aug. 28, 1867	Urbana.....	Morris.....	{ W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—G. H. Dart, D. J. Starr, W. B. Moler, D. C. Vance.....	Secretaries.....	T. Lee.....	27,363 88	28,326
17	Aug. 26, 1868	Hamilton.....	Clark.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—G. H. Dart, D. C. Vance, W. B. Moler.....	Secretaries.....	T. Lee.....	23,842 31	27,868
18	Aug. 25, 1869	Hillsboro.....	Ames.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—C. H. Dart, D. C. Vance, W. B. Moler.....	Secretaries.....	T. Lee.....	20,937 90	28,249
19	Aug. 24, 1870	Piqua.....	Janes.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—G. H. Dart, D. J. Starr, D. C. Vance, A. M. Griffith, W. B. Moler.....	Secretaries.....	J. F. Conrey.....	22,131 15	30,360
20	Aug. 30, 1871	Dayton.....	Scott.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—G. H. Dart, D. J. Starr, D. C. Vance, A. M. Griffith, W. B. Moler, J. R. Hunter.....	Secretaries.....	J. F. Conrey.....	18,168 77	31,318
21	Aug. 28, 1872	Eaton.....	Wiley.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—D. J. Starr, W. B. Moler, D. C. Vance, R. E. Smith, A. M. Griffith, F. G. Mitchell.....	T. Lee, S. B. Smith, D. J. Starr.....	J. F. Conrey.....	20,230 55	31,375
22	Aug. 27, 1873	Springfield.....	Ames.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—D. J. Starr, A. M. Griffith, F. G. Mitchell, R. E. Smith, W. J. Quarry.....	T. Lee, S. B. Smith, D. J. Starr.....	J. F. Conrey.....	17,830 76	32,295
23	Aug. 26, 1874	Wilmington.....	Foster.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—D. J. Starr, A. M. Griffith, F. G. Mitchell, R. E. Smith, W. J. Quarry.....	{ T. Lee, D. J. Starr, S. B. Smith, D. H. Moore.....	J. F. Conrey.....	16,888 14	33,352
24	Sept. 1, 1875	Cincinnati.....	Andrews.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—D. J. Starr, A. M. Griffith, F. G. Mitchell, R. E. Smith, W. J. Quarry.....	{ T. Lee, D. J. Starr, S. B. Smith, D. H. Moore.....	J. F. Conrey.....	19,581 28	32,623
25	Aug. 30, 1876	Oxford.....	Merrill.....	W. H. Sutherland; Ass'ts—D. J. Starr, A. M. Griffith, F. G. Mitchell, R. E. Smith, W. J. Quarry.....	{ D. J. Starr, T. Lee, S. B. Smith, D. H. Moore.....	J. F. Conrey.....	15,531 00	33,498

\* 2,392 members were, this year, transferred to the Central German Conference.

## In Memoriam.

## DECEASED MEMBERS CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

*"Verily there is a Reward for the Righteous."—Psalm.*

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....
Wm. H. Raper.....	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	L. Swormstedt.....	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Joseph S. Tomlinson	1825	June 4, 1853	51	Tchr.	C. W. Sears.....	.....	Aug. 29, 1863	44	...
Charles G. Meredith.	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	Henry Baker.....	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
Gilbert C. Townley*	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	E. D. Roe.....	1832	.....	1864	63
Thomas Gorsuch*....	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	David Sharp.....	1813	April 21, 1865	77	52
James M. Cavin*.....	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	Enoch G. West.....	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
James Smith*.....	1818	April 7, 1856	65	38	M. Marlay.....	1831	Sept. 2, 1866	69	35
Philip Nation*.....	1833	Oct. 14, 1856	43	22	Levi White.....	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
George W. Walker*....	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	David Whitcomb....	1826	May 17, 1866	...	40
B. Browmiller*.....	1849	Sept. 16, 1856	32	7	Wm. E. Spahr.....	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
James B. Finley*.....	1809	Sept. 6, 1857	76	48	David Reed.....	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Moses G. Bennett*....	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Arza Brown.....	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
A. J. Dinkins*.....	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	Wm. S. Hartley.....	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
Samuel Neer*.....	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Joseph M. Gatch....	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
Arthur W. Elliott.....	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Moses Smith.....	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
James B. Austin.....	1828	Sept. 27, 1857	51	29	Charles W. Swain...	1831	April 25, 1870	76	39
W. S. Morrow.....	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	A. W. Musgrove.....	1852	April 19, 1870	58	30
John S. Jackson.....	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Jesse Botkin.....	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
J. J. Tiffany.....	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	Daniel D. Davisson..	1811	.....	1871	85
Robert O. Spencer....	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	John W. Fowble....	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Perlee W. Wilber.....	Tchr.	June 11, 1859	52	25	Elk Kirk.....	1857	Sept. 6, 1870	39	13
Horace S. Sellman....	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	John Seys.....	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Stephen H. Holland...	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Levi P. Miller.....	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
William Kaetter.....	1851	Sept. 12, 1859	46	8	Isaac Neff.....	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
Jesse R. Hall.....	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	John Shinn.....	1854	Sept. 26, 1871	47	17
Isaac I. Beall.....	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	A. B. Wambaugh....	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Daniel Griffis.....	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Wesley Rectort.....	1871	Sept. 26, 1872	35	8
Peter Schmucker†....	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	George J. Conner...	1859	April 1, 1873	44	14
Charles Kessenger....	1855	Sept. 28, 1860	30	5	W. Simmons.....	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54
George Dankert.....	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	James Armstrong...	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47
Wesley Rowe.....	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	Joshua Boncher....	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
Henry E. Purkiser....	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	H. M. Curry.....	1848	March 3, 1874	55	26
Joseph Newson.....	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	W. Routledge.....	1843	April 28, 1875	68	32
Charles R. Lovell.....	.....	.....	1863	45	M. G. Purkiser.....	1835	April 29, 1875	61	40
George W. Harris.....	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	N. C. Parrish.....	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10
George B. Owens.....	1853	.....	1863	54	E. House†.....	1865	May 20, 1875	60	26
A. P. Dunlap.....	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9	J. C. Bontecou.....	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48
A. M. Lorain.....	1824	April 25, 1863	72	39	N. Callender.....	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51
W. H. Fyffe.....	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27	P. A. Ogden.....	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51
J. T. Mitchell.....	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31					

\* No Memoir in the published Minutes.

† Previously in the ministry of the Lutheran Church.

‡ These and some others were many years useful local preachers. The only year in which no death occurred was in 1862. It is greatly to be regretted that some of the published memoirs are so incomplete as not to furnish even the information necessary to fill the blanks in the above columns. The Minutes from 1854 to 1858 contain no memoirs.

D. J. STARR.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

**1856**—W. Young, J. B. Finley, W. Nast, J. W. Fowble, G. W. Walker, A. Brown, C. Brooks, A. Lowrey, M. Dustin. *Reserves*—J. T. Mitchell, Dr. Elliott, W. Ahrens.

**1860**—W. Nast, W. Young, J. T. Mitchell, M. Smith, M. Marlay, G. Moody, D. Reed. *Reserves*—W. Ahrens, M. Dustin, G. C. Crum.

**1864**—W. Nast, W. Young, M. Smith, G. Moody, M. Dustin. *Reserves*—W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, J. A. Klein.

**1868**—A. Lowrey, J. Kendall, J. M. Walden, Wm. Young, J. Armstrong. *Reserves*—M. Dustin, J. F. Chalfant.

**1872**—J. W. Weakley, J. M. Walden, J. F. Marlay, R. S. Rust, J. F. Chalfant. *Reserves*—G. C. Crum, A. Lowrey.

**1876**—J. M. Walden, A. Lowrey, J. F. Marlay, G. Moody. *Reserves*—W. H. Sutherland, R. S. Rust.

## BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

BORN.	NAMES.	ENTERED MINISTRY.		Ord. Bish. s.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Year		
Sept. 9, 1747	Thomas Coke.....	British Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814, aged 67.
Aug. 20, 1745	Francis Asbury.....	British Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Va., March 31, 1816, aged 71.
Feb. 23, 1736	Richard Whatcoat.....	British Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Del., July 5, 1806, aged 71.
July 5, 1757	William M'Kendree...	Meth. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tenn., March 5, 1835, aged 78.
..... 1768	Enoch George.....	Meth. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Va., August 23, 1828, aged 60.
Aug. 2, 1778	Robert R. Roberts.....	Baltimore....	1802	1816	Died in Ind., March 28, 1843, aged 65.
Aug. 1, 1781	Joshua Soule.....	New York.....	1799	1824	Ent. M.E.Ch. South, '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Jan. 7, 1780	Elijah Hedding.....	N. England..	1801	1824	Died in Po'keepsie, Apr. 9, 1852, aged 72.
..... 1794	James Osgood Andrew.	S. Carolina...	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 1, '71.
Apr. 11, 1789	John Emory.....	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Md., Dec. 16, 1835, aged 47.
Oct. 25, 1789	Beverly Waugh.....	Baltimore....	1809	1836	Died in Md., Feb. 9, 1858, aged 69.
Apr. 28, 1790	Thomas A. Morris.....	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, Ohio, Sept. 2, 1874.
May 10, 1797	Leonidas L. Hamline..	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65.
Apr. 27, 1807	Edmund Storer Janes..	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Oct. 11, 1802	Levi Scott.....	Phila.....	1826	1852	Residence, Odessa, Del.
June 21, 1810	Matthew Simpson.....	Pittsburg.....	1833	1852	Residence, Philadelphia.
July 30, 1813	Osmou C. Baker.....	N. Hamp.....	1839	1852	Died in Conc'd, N.H., Dec. 20, '71, ag. 59.
Mar. 20, 1806	Edward R. Ames.....	Illinois.....	1830	1852	Residence, Baltimore.
Dec. 5, 1809	Francis Burns*.....	Liberia.....	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, Md., April 18, 1863.
Feb. 25, 1812	Davis Wasgatt Clark..	New York....	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
October, 1810	Edward Thomson.....	Ohio.....	1833	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Sept. 8, 1812	Calvin Kingsley.....	Erie.....	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
.....	John W. Roberts*.....	Liberia.....	1838	1866	Died in Africa, Jan. 30, 1875.
July 15, 1817	Thomas Bowman.....	Baltimore....	1839	1872	Residence, St. Louis.
Nov. 4, 1817	William L. Harris.....	Michigan.....	1837	1872	Residence, Chicago.
Feb. 22, 1820	Randolph S. Foster.....	Ohio.....	1837	1872	Residence, Boston.
Mar. 29, 1825	Isaac W. Wiley.....	Phila.....	1851	1872	Residence, Cincinnati.
Sept. 16, 1825	Stephen M. Merrill.....	Ohio.....	1846	1872	Residence, St. Paul.
Aug. 7, 1825	Edward G. Andrews...	Oneida.....	1848	1872	Residence, Des Moines, Iowa.
Sept. 21, 1821	Gilbert Haven.....	N. England..	1851	1872	Residence, Atlanta, Ga.
April 4, 1811	Jesse T. Peck.....	Oneida.....	1832	1872	Residence, San Francisco.

\* Missionary Bishops, their episcopal jurisdiction being restricted to the Liberia Conference.

## TO THE PREACHERS OF CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In discharging the duties to which you appointed us, we have sought to have the Minutes reach you early, and to make them as complete and useful as possible. We trust the results will be satisfactory.

In the early history of our Conference the published Minutes contain recommendations from the Publishing Committee. There is good reason for the custom. Your Committee, this year, venture some suggestions;

1. The Minutes this year omit the Rules of Order and the Local Preachers' Directory in last edition. We print this year 2,500 copies.

2. Some historical matter is added, as appropriate to this Centennial Year edition, which we hope will add interest to the volume.

4. Conference subjects are reported upon from year to year. Should not the reports, therefore, be more brief and explicit, prepared with greater taste and care? All reports should be written with ink, on one side the paper only, and memoirs of ministers must be furnished in duplicate. All reports should be furnished, when adopted.

4. The circulation of our Minutes deserves more care. Some awaken a deep interest in our Minutes by referring to their contents in the pulpit and privately. The Committee of 1853 say: "We hope this Conference Annual will find its way into all the families to whom we minister, and that the information thereby diffused will be promotive of all the interests of the Church within our bounds. Please, brethren, give the Minutes a wide circulation." We indorse in the present the sentiment then so well expressed. This matter rests with the preachers. Until a better plan is devised, we recommend that the roll be called at 10 o'clock on the second day of Conference, to obtain subscriptions for the Minutes. If brethren will obtain advertisements for the Minutes, it will lessen the cost and pay them for their trouble.

Please communicate to us freely any suggestions for the improvement of our Minutes.

D. J. STARR, S. B. SMITH, } Committee.  
T. LEE, D. H. MOORE, }